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Proof of the Legal and Moral Right of Israel to Exist as a Sovereign State

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This paper demonstrates that the modern state of Israel was constituted on valid legal and moral grounds and that the Palestinian problem has been deliberately engineered by radical Islam in order to destroy it.

1. The Plight of the Palestinian Arabs

Hardly any fair-minded person would deny that the treatment of the Palestinian Arabs has been deplorable. There are some 2,345,000 living in the West Bank and 1,416,000 in the Gaza Strip, all in circumstances inimical to their economic viability, their security and their dignity. Many live in conditions of abject poverty, while unemployment is extremely high – around 40% in Gaza. How could such a situation have arisen?

Demographics

Most westerners are bombarded with information about the plight of the Palestinians, but have little knowledge of their history. Worldwide about 12 million people describe themselves as Palestinian. Most are Muslim, but a small proportion, about 6%, are Christian.

In addition to the Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza, there are about 1.3 million living in 'green line' Israel where they comprise 17.5% of the total population.

Other geographical regions in the Middle East with a significant Palestinian population include Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia:

	Palestinians	National Population	Percentage Palestinian
Jordan	2,700,000	6,316,000	42.7%
Syria	435,000	21,900,000	2.0%
Lebanon	405,000	4,224,000	9.6%
Saudi Arabia	327,000	25,700,000	1.3%

These figures immediately prompt three important questions:

- Why are so many Palestinians living peacefully in Israel if they are supposed to be enemies?
- Why don't neighbouring Arab countries absorb a larger proportion of the Palestinians currently confined to Gaza and the West Bank?
- Why is the Palestinian population of Jordan so high (42%)?

Please keep these three questions in mind as we proceed since the answers shed remarkable light on the entire Middle-Eastern situation.

2. The History of Palestine

The Jews entered the land of Canaan, today's Israel, and established a home there around 1500 BC. In the thousand year period after Solomon, a number of different empires – Assyrian, Babylonian, Persian, Egyptian, Greek and Roman – conquered or claimed sovereignty over all or part of this territory.

The Diaspora

After the fall of Jerusalem in 70 AD a large proportion of the Jewish population was evicted en masse from their homeland by the Romans. This policy was pursued with equal vigour after the Bar Kokhba Revolt in 132-135 AD. Only a small number of Jews, mostly the poorest of the poor, were allowed to remain. This massive dispersion, known as the Diaspora, was not reversed to any significant extent until the Jews began to return to their homeland in the mid 19th century when the territory, then known as Palestine, was under Ottoman rule. The literature and culture of the Jews during the entire period of the Diaspora reflected a desire to return to their homeland, but social, economic and military impediments prevented them from doing so.

Successive Empires

With the slow disintegration of the western half of the Roman Empire, Palestine came under the administration of Byzantium, the largely autonomous eastern half, in 324 AD. The invading Muslims took it over in 638 AD and the locus of administration switched from Byzantium (today's Istanbul) to Damascus (under the Ummayyads) and then to Baghdad (under the Abbasids). In 1096 AD, during the First Crusade, Jerusalem fell to the Christians. The Crusaders were finally driven from Palestine by the Mameluks – a powerful Islamic dynasty based in Egypt – in 1291 AD. When the Mameluks were defeated in turn by the Ottomans in 1517 AD, the administration of Palestine was directed thereafter from Constantinople (yet again) and remained under Ottoman rule until their empire collapsed after the First World War.

Two important points should be noted in this historical review. Firstly, while the land of Canaan had, for over 1,500 years, been identified exclusively with the indigenous Jewish population until the first century AD, with its capital in Jerusalem, it had ceased to have a distinct political identity thereafter. Instead it became a small province within a series of extensive empires. Furthermore, with the expulsion of most of its Jewish population in the Diaspora, the land was neither irrigated nor cultivated in a systematic manner thereafter and eventually deteriorated to the point where it was of little agrarian value. It was used mainly by wandering Bedouin, a very small population of urban dwellers, and as a trading route between Africa and Asia.

Secondly, for the duration of the Ottoman Empire, and long before, geographical areas were distinguished mainly by reference to tribal boundaries, proximity to large towns, or by inclusion in an administrative district for taxation purposes. The empire itself was the only sovereign entity in the Middle East and nation states as such did not exist.

The Post-War Carve-Up

This system was completely obliterated with the fall of the Ottoman Empire. For the first time in 1,800 years these vast tracts of land were without an internationally recognised political identity. This is why the western powers acted quickly to reconfigure the Empire, either as a number of sovereign states or as a group of autonomous regions overseen by Britain and France.

The British had already envisaged this outcome when, in 1916, they made a secret draft agreement with France – known as the Sykes-Picot Agreement – which specified how the Ottoman Empire would be carved up between them when the war was over.

There had long been sympathy among a segment of the British aristocracy for the establishment of a homeland for the Jews in Palestine. This segment happened to have sufficient political influence around this time to extract a commitment from the British government to create such a homeland. This was given effect through the famous Balfour Declaration when, with Cabinet approval, the British Foreign Secretary, Arthur Balfour, sent a letter of intent to one of the most powerful men in the world at that time, Baron Lionel Walter Rothschild. Dated 2 November 1917, it read as follows:

"His Majesty's government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

Never has a single sentence been more controversial.

The British government was almost certainly influenced in its decision by a desire to retain favour, under wartime conditions, with the Jewish element of the international banking system. It is likely that, at a critical juncture in its conflict with Germany, the British offered Palestine to the Zionists in return for a Jewish commitment to bring America into the War. Their attitude was to change, however, when it became increasingly apparent that, in pursuing this policy, the British were alienating the Arab world.

The role of a ruthless, dynastic institution like the Rothschilds in the creation of the state of Israel, and their involvement thereafter in aspects of its development, would suggest that they had longterm plans, within the Illuminati framework, for this new nation state which had nothing whatever to do with the welfare of the Jewish people. While this is undoubtedly an important theme, it goes beyond the remit of this paper and will not be examined further.

The Arab Reaction

The Arabs had put considerable pressure on the British to secure control over as much Arab-populated territory in the former Ottoman Empire as they possibly could. In doing so they were prepared to make concessions regarding a Jewish homeland in Palestine if it would guarantee the transfer of the vast majority of the remaining territory into their hands. They had been subject to Turkish control for more than four centuries and were extremely anxious to take maximum advantage of the changes that were now taking place.

The Arabs based their claims on their contribution to the British war effort in the so-called *Arab Revolt* against the Turks. This contribution involved occasional disruptions to traffic along the Hedjaz railway by a rag-tag Bedouin force of only 600 men. While probably not big enough to be called a sideshow, it was exaggerated shamelessly by T.E. Lawrence in his self-promotional work, *The Seven Pillars of Wisdom*.

Paris Peace Conference 1919

At the hastily convened Paris Peace Conference in 1919, the international community hammered out a detailed agreement regarding the disposal of the vast territory of the former Ottoman Empire. A further meeting of the Allied Supreme Council was held in San Remo in 1920 to resolve residual matters, including the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Then, in June 1922, the League of Nations formally assigned Britain the Mandate for Palestine.

It is important to note that Emir Feisal, the principal Arab representative at the Paris Peace Conference, had earlier signed a formal agreement with the principal Jewish representative, Chaim Weizmann, which confirmed that the Arab people welcomed the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. It opened as follows:

“His Royal Highness the Emir Feisal, representing and acting on behalf of the Arab Kingdom of Hedjaz, and Dr. Chaim Weizmann, representing and acting on behalf of the Zionist Organization, mindful of the racial kinship and ancient bonds existing between the Arabs and the Jewish people, and realizing that the surest means of working out the consummation of their natural aspirations is through the closest possible collaboration in the development of the Arab State and Palestine, and being desirous further of confirming the good understanding which exists between them, have agreed upon the following...” – *Feisal-Weizmann Agreement, 3 January 1919*

The various Articles which followed addressed such matters as the rights of Arabs living in the Jewish state of Palestine, the creation of a commission to define the boundaries of such a state, and the implementation of such measures as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the Balfour Declaration.

Arab Acceptance in Principle

It is clear from the Feisal-Weizmann Agreement that the Arabs had no problem in principle with the creation of a Jewish state in Palestine and that they did not see any difficulty with Arabs living in such a state.

The San Remo Resolution of 1920, which was confirmed by the League of Nations, incorporated the Balfour Declaration. However the precise boundaries of the territories to be allocated to the Jewish state were still not determined.

Interestingly, the Jewish proposal at the Paris conference was based, not on a claim to the entire Mandate of Palestine, which comprised territory corresponding to *both* Israel and Jordan today, but only to the land west of the Hedjaz railway – see map on next page. This left plenty of territory for the Mandate's small Arab population. The first British census of Palestine in 1922 revealed a total population of 757,000 across the *entire* territory of the Mandate (which comprised some 35,000 square miles). Of these, 78% were Muslim, 11% Jewish and 10% Christian. Arabs were to be allowed to live in the proposed (but as yet undefined) Jewish homeland, though seemingly not in such numbers as to constitute a significant minority.

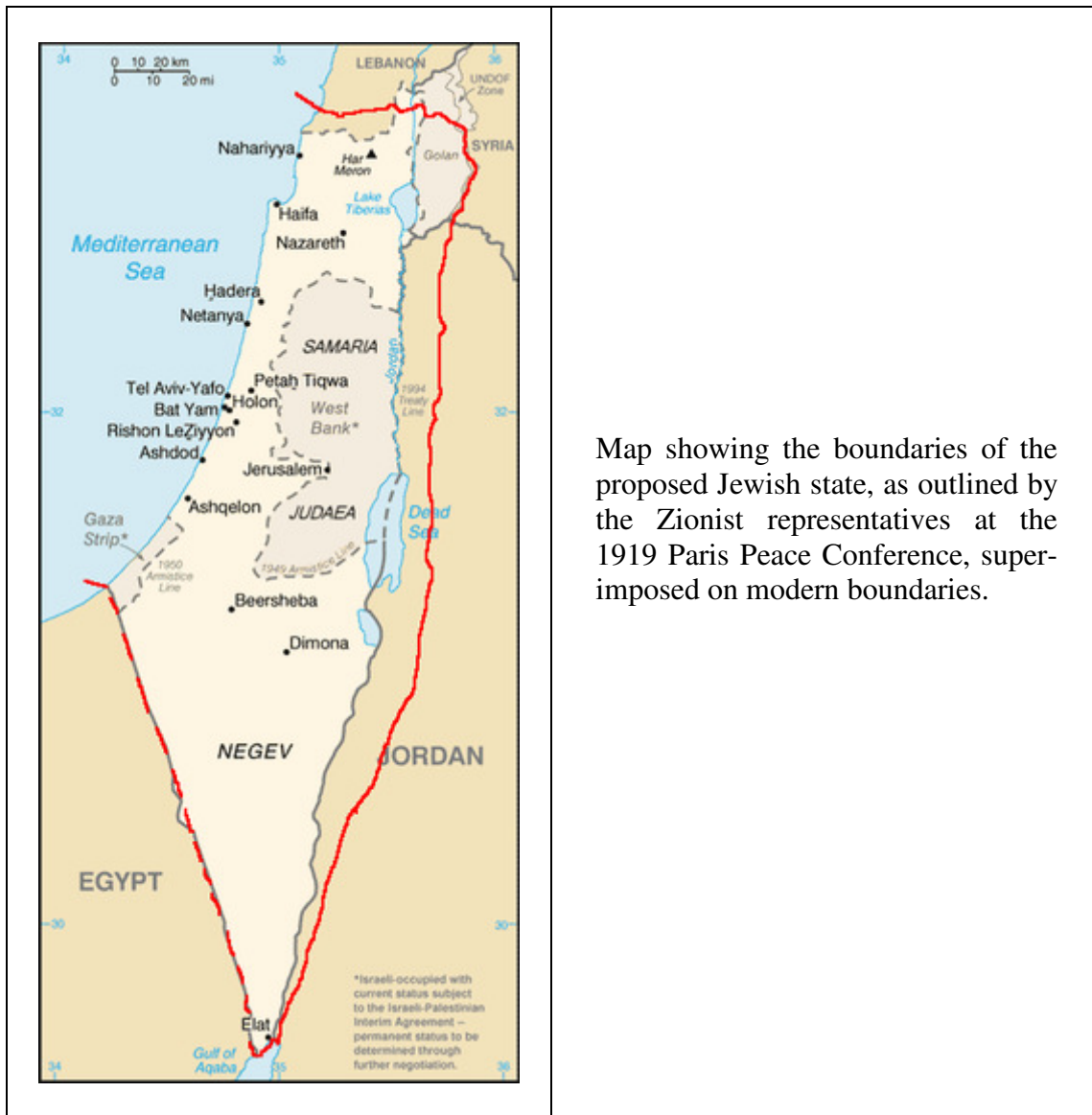
Arab and British Abrogation of Agreements

However, once the Arabs got what they wanted in the Ottoman carve-up, they reneged on their commitment to recognise and live peacefully with the proposed Jewish state in Palestine. Instead they worked closely with the British, who bowed to Arab pressure, to frustrate Jewish immigration into their proposed new homeland and to greatly increase the number of 'indigenous' Arabs living in western Palestine.

What is more the British reneged, at least in part, on their Balfour / San Remo commitment and unilaterally divided Palestine in two. The region *west* of the Jordan River would henceforth constitute the territory from which the proposed Jewish homeland would be formed, while the region *east* of the Jordan River (the country known today as Jordan), which comprised no less than 73% of the Mandate, would be surrendered *exclusively* to the Arabs and no Jews would be allowed to settle there.

By any reckoning, this was a remarkable triumph for the Arabs. Not only had they succeeded in acquiring control over the vast majority of the Ottoman territory, but they had left the Jews with significantly less than they had been guaranteed by the British and her allies. Furthermore, the question of how much of the remaining Mandate territory would fall to the Jews was still far from settled. The Arabs reckoned that, if they put even more pressure on the British, the proposed Jewish homeland could be whittled down even further, even to the point where it would be strategically indefensible.

Their intransigence worked and the Foreign Office in London began to obstruct Jewish immigration into the only part of Palestine that the Jews were still allowed to enter, namely the portion west of the Jordan River. This, too, was in contravention of the Mandate conditions approved by the League of Nations.



Thus, from a situation where they could reasonably expect a sizeable slice of the original Mandate territory (which was 35,126 square miles in extent), the Jews were being confined to an area of only 10,429 square miles, with the real prospect that this could be reduced even further. As World War Two approached and tensions grew between Britain and Germany, the Foreign Office was increasingly guided by the need to retain favour with the Arabs. Despite the appalling persecution of Jews in Europe during the 1930s, the British continued to make it as difficult as possible for any more Jews to enter West Palestine (They were already banned from entering East Palestine). The British supplemented this strategy by violating the legal terms of the Mandate and allowing virtually unlimited Arab immigration into West Palestine – which was supposed to become the *Jewish* homeland..

British Duplicity and Arab Terrorism

In addition to this, the Arabs were engaging in an ongoing programme of harassment against the Jews in West Palestine, committing a long series of terrorist atrocities during the 1920s. These culminated in the murder of 67 Jews living in Hebron on 23-24 August 1929 (To their credit, nineteen local Arab families hid some 435 Jews, at risk to their own lives). The British army did nothing to prevent this massacre, even though it could easily have intervened. Any remaining Jews had to be evacuated for their own safety.

This atrocity made it abundantly clear to the Jews that the British were prepared to let the Arabs wipe them out, so they substantially enhanced their own paramilitary defence organisation, the Haganah.

The Arab terrorist attacks continued all through the 1930s and reached their zenith in what history describes as another 'Arab Revolt' (1936-1939). This was an organised campaign of violence directed by senior figures in the Arab community, purportedly in protest at the continued immigration of Jews into West Palestine. The irony is that the actual number of Jewish immigrants, whose influx was very tightly controlled by the British, was only a fraction of what it should have been under the League of Nations Mandate. On the other hand, Arabs continued to migrate in large numbers into West Palestine. In order to disguise this influx, the British recorded Jewish immigrants only, not Arab. They also put pressure on other European countries not to allow their Jews to emigrate to Palestine. It is reckoned that more than a million additional Jews would have emigrated to Palestine from Europe during the 1930s had they been allowed (Most of these were subsequently murdered by the Nazis).

Not only did the British make every effort to restrict Jewish immigration, but they confined those who were admitted to designated areas. This meant that, if and when a Jewish homeland was ultimately established, the Jewish claim, which would relate largely to areas settled by Jews, would be further constrained. And this is exactly what happened.

In order to break the spirit of Zionism and to win favour with the Arabs, the British Government published a White Paper in 1939 which completely overturned the Balfour Declaration and promised to create an *Arab* state in West Palestine within a short time. The fact that this was in complete violation of international law did not seem to matter to the British.

UN Resolution, 1947

After World War Two, when news of the Holocaust became widely known, there was a renewed international impetus to resolve the plight of the Jews and create a homeland for them in West Palestine – the only part of Palestine that was still available. Weakened by the war and losing confidence in their ability to deal with the Palestine question, the British passed the entire matter to the United Nations for decision. When the Jews were finally offered nationhood by the UN (Resolution 181 of 29 November 1947), the frontiers of their new state were determined mainly on the basis of the land they already inhabited – just as the British had intended.

As we have already noted, the original Palestine Mandate was 35,126 square miles in extent, but after East Palestine had been handed unilaterally to the Arabs (known today as Jordan), the western portion comprised just 10,429 square miles. The UN decreed that 57% of this would be given to the Jews for their proposed homeland – an area of 6,177 square miles which included the semi-arid and inhospitable Negev Desert (which covered 4,700 square miles!)

United Nations Resolution on West Palestine, 1947		
	Arab population	Jewish population
Jerusalem	105,000	100,000
Jewish State	325,000	498,000
Arab State	807,000	10,000

Despite the miniscule size of their proposed homeland, three quarters of which was desert, the half million or so Jews who lived there were required by the UN to share it with 325,000 settled Arabs, plus a further 90,000 or so Bedouin who wandered the Negev. In contrast, the portion of West Palestine that the UN offered the Arabs was inhabited by just 10,000 or so Jews. (Under the UN decision, Jerusalem, which had an equal mixture of Arabs and Jews, was to be designated an international zone.)

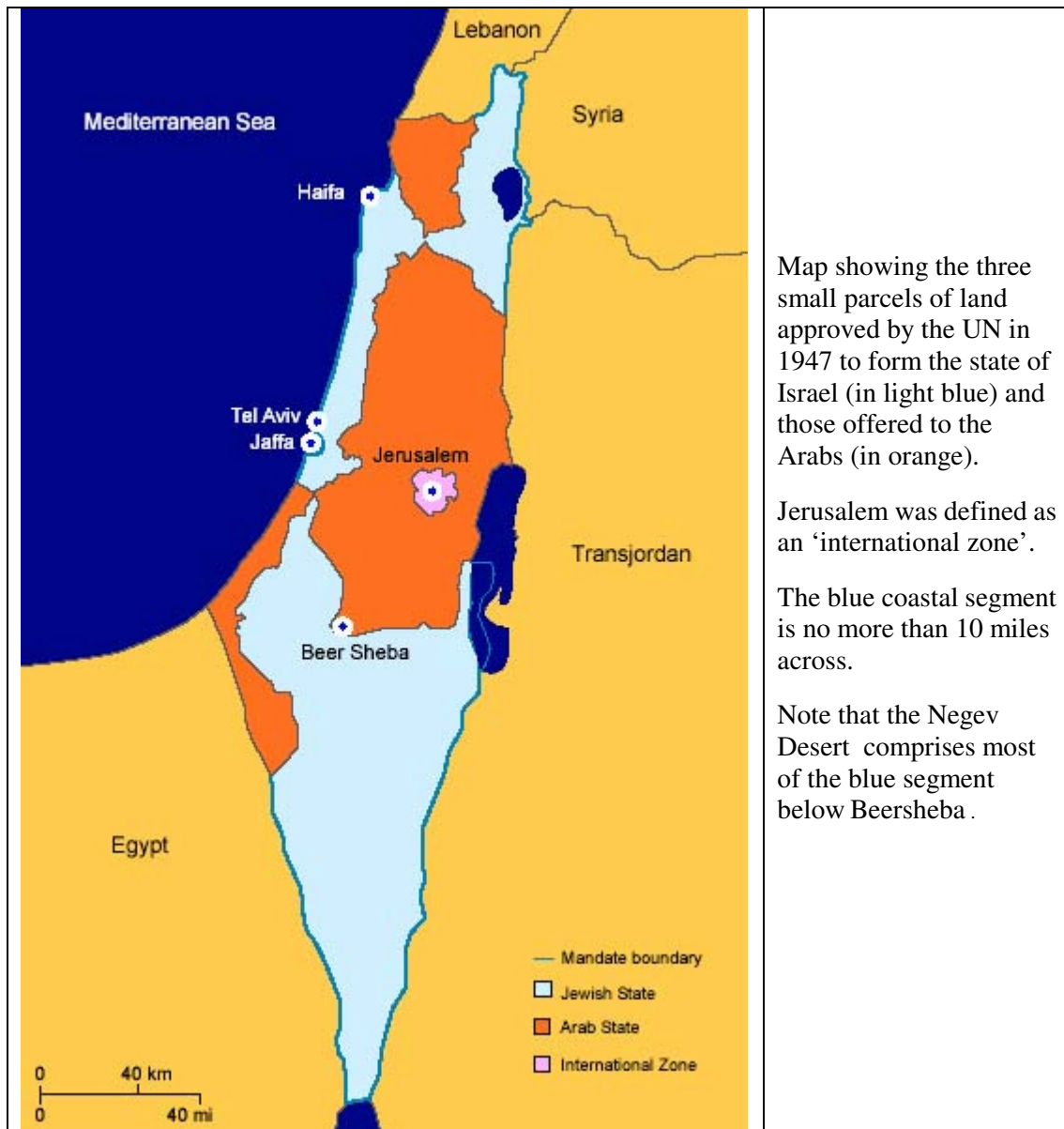
Thus, in the redistribution of the vast territory of the Ottoman Empire, an area of around 1.1 million square miles, the Jews got less than 1 per cent.

The total number of Jews in the Empire at the start of the 20th century has been estimated at 500,000, while that of the Empire as a whole was 20 million or thereabouts. Had the Empire been redistributed on a pro rata basis to the various ethnic groups living within its borders in 1917, the Jews would have received a much larger slice of Ottoman territory than they were ultimately awarded through the UN. (By the same token, the Kurds, another significant ethnic group, should have been given a homeland of their own, but their needs were shamefully ignored.)

Even if the Zionist movement had never pressed Britain, the US and the League of Nations for a Jewish homeland in the late 19th and early 20th century, there would still have been a need to set aside a contiguous parcel of land somewhere within the former Empire to enable this scattered and oppressed ethnic group to relocate for their own protection. Indeed, the Balfour Declaration was an implied recognition of this fact.

Two Remarkable Surprises

There seemed to be no basis on which the Jews could accept the UN offer. The amount of land they were being given was ridiculously small. In addition, they were expected to share it with an almost equally large Arab population which, under wartime conditions, might act as a fifth column. To make matters worse, the proposed territory was divided into three indefensible segments. For example, the tract of land along the Mediterranean was a narrow corridor less than ten miles across (See map on next page).



One historian noted the contradictions in this 'solution' as follows:

The borders between the Arab and the Jewish states [under the UN Resolution] were a nightmare of points and lines of friction, of isolated areas lacking in viable contiguity; and, last but not least, a demographic absurdity characterised the proposed Jewish state where 500,000 Jews were supposed to coexist with an Arab 'minority' of close to the same size. – Ben-Ami, p.34

The Arabs, on the other hand, were being made an incredibly generous offer. They already had East Palestine (Jordan) – which was free of Jews – and were now being given a second autonomous state – which happened to have only a small number of settled Jews. Not only would they end up with 82 per cent of the Palestine Mandate, but they could also be confident that, from a strategic standpoint, the three meagre parcels of land which comprised the Jewish homeland could never pose a meaningful threat to their Arab neighbours.

Against all expectations, the Jews accepted the UN declaration, but the Arabs rejected it. The perversity of the Arab attitude, which has asserted itself many times since, was summed up by Ben-Ami as follows:

The Palestinians themselves, in what became a sad and self-defeating pattern of political behaviour, acted as the worst enemies of their own cause and did their utmost to prevent the creation of their state. (p.60)

It was clear to all concerned that the Arab rejection was based on their belief that the fledgling Jewish state was too small to defend itself against a co-ordinated military invasion. The British had reinforced the perception that Israel could be strangled at birth by providing the Arabs with ample weaponry and experienced military personnel. At the same time, they blocked all attempts by the Jews to import arms for defensive purposes.

The Arabs also expected to weaken Israel in the months leading up to independence by conducting a vicious terror campaign against Jewish civilian targets. Many Jews, including women and children, were murdered in a frenzied attempt to undermine Israeli morale and to incite the local Arab population in the Jewish-settled areas to rise against Zionism. (As it happened, only 4000 Arabs inside Israel gave support to the invading armies.)

The Foundation of Israel

Despite the Arab rejection, the UN stood over its decision and the Jews declared the independent state of Israel on 14 May, 1948. This was the first time since Sargon II conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC that a united, self-governing Jewish homeland had existed.

The very next day, 15 May, combined Arab armies attacked Israel on three fronts. Their stated aim was the total annihilation of Israel which, presumably, would have entailed the slaughter of all Jews who resisted and the eviction (or worse) of those who were left. Bear in mind, when considering this scenario, that these Arab armies – from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Saudi Arabia – were converging on a tiny strip of land which was bound on one side by the sea. What is more, the invaders already had possession of three significant strategic assets – the Golan Heights, the West Bank and Gaza.

It is notable that the Jordanian army included 48 experienced British officers, led by Major General John Glubb ('Glubb Pasha'). It would seem the British determination to prevent the creation of a Jewish state had not abated after World War II, despite the slaughter of the Holocaust.

The War of 1948

Even though it was at an enormous strategic disadvantage, Israel survived the invasion and even secured additional territory, growing from 6,177 to 7,820 square miles – an increase of almost 27 per cent. Though still a tiny, vulnerable state surrounded by formidable enemies, it would now be in a better position to defend itself against a similar attack in the future. But success came at a price. In the course of the war it lost 1 per cent of its Jewish population – a very high rate of attrition by international standards.

Most observers expected the invaders to destroy Israel. The Arabs, who enjoyed a number of significant – and normally decisive – military advantages, were supremely confident of victory. As Azzam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab Leagues, said just prior to the invasion: "This will be a war of extermination and a momentous massacre which will be spoken of like the Mongolian massacres and the Crusades."

The shock of defeat, the sheer humiliation, had a devastating effect on the Islamic psyche. To this day it is referred to among Arabs as "the Catastrophe" (al-Nakba). Their defeat reflected, not just on their military prowess and their deep sense of racial superiority, but on their religion and the supposed omnipotence of their god, Allah. To lose in such a manner to a tiny Dhimmi state that was only a day old, having possessed almost overwhelming strategic advantages from the outset, was truly a catastrophe.

It is impossible to understand the obstinacy, intransigence and arrogance of the Arab attitude toward Israel over the past 60 years without recognising the dreadful loss of face and the astonishing blow to their pride which came with their defeat in 1948.

Despite two subsequent wars in 1967 and 1973, in which massed Arab armies again tried to exterminate the tiny Jewish state, the Israelis prevailed and even strengthened their position. The war of 1967 gave them Sinai (including Gaza), east Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Golan Heights, all of which, as victors in a defensive war against a genocidal invader, they were entitled to retain in perpetuity.

Questions and Answers

Additional historical analysis of the Arab-Israeli conflict will be presented where appropriate in the remainder of this paper.

Having set the scene as it were, we will now focus on the principal questions that most westerners appear to have regarding the legitimacy of the state of Israel and its treatment of the Palestinian Arabs, both before its foundation in 1948 and thereafter.

1. Surely the Arabs who had already settled in West Palestine, and who had been there for generations (“time immemorial”), were equally entitled to the land and should have been given a state of their own?

There are four major assumptions embedded in this question.

Firstly, the question assumes that West Palestine was continuously settled for centuries by a substantial population of Arabs, just like the surrounding regions (Syria, Lebanon, Jordan). However this is not the case. The land was significantly under-populated during the Ottoman period. Having been neglected for so long, the soil had deteriorated to the point where it was of little agrarian value. Visitors to the Holy Land in the 19th century, such as Mark Twain and Karl Marx, were greatly surprised by the emptiness of the terrain, the barrenness of the soil and the tiny size of the population. The indigenous people, mostly Arabs, Jews and Christians, were confined in the main to a few towns, where living conditions were primitive. The Ottomans had not invested in the country and there was no infrastructure to speak of.

Secondly, the Jews had continuously maintained an unbroken presence in Palestine since the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. The numbers were not large, but a remnant always remained. Whether the land was controlled by the eastern Roman empire, the Umayyad, Abbasid or Fatimid empires, the Christian Crusaders (who butchered many Jews), or the Ottoman Turks, the Jews continued to maintain a sufficient presence in the land to be recognised by these conquerors as an indigenous people.

They also continued to migrate into West Palestine, albeit in small numbers, during the entire period of the Diaspora. As Katz noted:

In spite of bans and prohibitions, in spite of the most improbable and unpromising circumstances, there was never a period throughout the centuries of exile without Jewish immigration to Palestine. (p.95)

Thirdly, the question assumes that the Palestinian Arabs were never given a state of their own. As we have already seen, this assumption is completely false. The British gave the Arabs the entire Mandate region east of the Jordan River (77% of Palestine) in 1922 and called it Trans-Jordan – presumably to disguise the fact that it was actually Palestine. They did this unilaterally, in violation of the San Remo agreement and international law. Furthermore, Jews were forbidden to settle in this new Palestinian state.

Finally, the question assumes that the Arabs in West Palestine – who could have relocated to the new Palestinian state of Trans-Jordan – were denied sovereign entitlement to part of West Palestine. As we have seen the UN offered the Arabs a state of their own in West Palestine in 1947 (in *addition* to the one they had already been given in East Palestine) but they refused it, almost certainly on the basis that they expected to overrun and destroy the fledgling state of Israel the following year, murder or evict the entire Jewish population, and claim the whole of Palestine, East and West, as their own.

Much misunderstanding has arisen, even among those who ought to know better, from a failure to recognise these unfounded assumptions.

2. But many Arab families lost their homes in West Palestine after the Jews forced them out. How could this be fair?

When the Jews first began to return to Palestine in large numbers in the mid-19th century, they were obliged to pay exorbitant prices for the land sold to them by the *effendis*, the absentee Arab landlords living in Aleppo, Damascus, Amman and elsewhere. These prices were often 4-5 times the fair value of the property.

Many of these Jews were driven from their homes in other Arab countries, for which they received no compensation. (In 1945 there were about 800,000 Jews living in Arab countries. Today that figure is a mere 8,000.) It has been estimated that the number of Jews who lost property in this way was at least *double* the number of Arabs who left West Palestine 'temporarily' in 1947-1948 and lost property as a result.

It is also assumed that the Arabs had been settled in West Palestine for generations, but this is not the case. A significant number, at least 200,000, arrived in the 20th century, attracted by the prospect of employment by Jewish immigrants who were redeveloping the land and producing crops where none had grown for generations. It was worth their while to relocate since the Jewish farmers were offering better pay and conditions of employment than the same Arab workers would have enjoyed in their own countries. And this is why Palestinian Arabs continue to live in Israel today – their overall living conditions and their general treatment is better than they could expect to enjoy in any neighbouring Muslim state.

3. That may be so but it does not excuse the fact that many Arabs left West Palestine because they were effectively driven out by Jewish threats. Surely this cannot be justified?

One must consider the magnitude of the threats to which the Jews in West Palestine were themselves subject. As Ben-Ami noted:

It was then [just prior to the Arab invasion] that the Jews really felt they faced slaughter should they be defeated and that the survival of the incipient Jewish state hung by a mere thread. (p.56)

Despite having initially facilitated the creation of a Jewish homeland, the British thereafter had consistently obstructed all attempts to create a Jewish state, while the Arabs had been committing atrocities against Jewish settlers on a fairly regular basis from the start of the 20th century. These attacks had increased in frequency and intensity after the Hebron massacre of 1929 and numerous Arabs leaders, including the Grand Mufti in Jerusalem, had called for the total annihilation of the Jews in West Palestine. This was not empty rhetoric. The Grand Mufti had advised Hitler on the mass slaughter of Jews in Europe and had even requested that large numbers of European Jews be forcibly transferred to Poland lest any migrate to West Palestine. He knew well the fate that awaited them in Poland, where millions died at the hands of the Nazis:

"The Mufti was one of the initiators of the systematic extermination of European Jewry and had been a collaborator and adviser of Eichmann and Himmler in the execution of this plan...He was one of Eichmann's best friends and had constantly incited him to accelerate the extermination measures." – Dieter Wisliceny (Eichmann's deputy) giving evidence at the Nuremburg Trials [*Wisliceny was hanged as a war criminal in 1948*]

After the Holocaust, the Jews of West Palestine knew only too well that the Arab threat of genocide was very real. As a result their fears translated in some instances into actions which cannot be justified. However, the popular claim that the Arabs were driven from West Palestine by Jewish threats and aggression do not stand up to scrutiny. Here is how Samuel Katz described it in his tightly argued book, *Battleground: Fact and Fantasy in Palestine* (1973):

The fabrication can most easily be detected by the simple circumstance that at the time the alleged expulsion of the Arabs by Zionists was in progress, nobody noticed it. Foreign newspapermen abounded in the country...even those most hostile to the Jews saw nothing to suggest that the flight [of the Arabs] was not voluntary. In the three months that the major part of the flight took place, the London Times, a newspaper most notably hostile to Zionism, published 11 leading articles on the situation in Palestine, in addition to extensive news reports. In none was there even a remote hint that the Zionists were driving Arabs from their homes...Even more pertinent: No Arab spokesman made such a charge. At the height of the flight, the Palestinian Arabs' chief U.N. representative, Jamal Husseini, made a long political statement (on April 27, 1948) that was not lacking in hostility toward the Zionists; [but] he did not mention refugees...The secretary-general of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, made a fiercely worded political statement on Palestine; it contained not a word about refugees...When, four months after the [war began], the prospect of the flightlings' returning "in a few weeks" had faded, there were some recriminations. Emil Ghoury, a member of the Palestinian Arabs' national leadership, said in an interview with the Beirut Daily Telegraph: "The fact that there are these [Arab] refugees is the direct consequence of the action of the Arab states in opposing partition and the Jewish state. The Arab states agreed upon this policy unanimously, and they must share in the solution of the problem."

The author was a member of Irgun and served for a time as advisor to Prime Minister Begin. No doubt his enemies would have taken considerable satisfaction in disproving his sources and refuting his analysis had they been able to do so.

Ben-Ami, who gives a very uncompromising analysis of the Arab-Israeli conflict of 1948, stated that

[T]he mass exodus was, however, inadvertently encouraged by the leaders of the Palestinian community when, in their eagerness to trigger the invasion of Palestine by the Arab armies, they blew up out of all proportion the atrocities committed against Arab civilians. The Arab armies came in eventually, but by puffing up the atrocities, local leaders such as Dr Hussein Fakhri Al-Khalidi, the head of the Arab National Committee in Jerusalem who gave explicit instructions to the Palestinian media to inflate the reports, helped enhance the magnitude of an exodus driven by fear and hysteria. [p.44]

Bard commented as follows:

The Haganah did employ psychological warfare to encourage the Arabs to abandon some villages. For example, some were told that a large Jewish invasion force was coming to burn their villages and that they had better get out...Arab fears were exacerbated by fabricated stories of Jewish atrocities following the attack on Deir Yassin. In his memoirs, King Abdullah of Jordan stated, "The tragedy of the Palestinians was that most of their leaders had paralyzed them with false and unsubstantiated promises that they were not alone; that 80 million Arabs and 400 million Muslims would instantly and miraculously come to their rescue." [pps.128 and 132]

It is also significant that *The Economist* reported as follows on 2 October, 1948:

Of the 62,000 Arabs who formerly lived in Haifa not more than 5,000 or 6,000 remained. Various factors influenced their decision to seek safety in flight. There is little doubt that the most potent of the factors were the announcements made over the air by the Higher Arab Executive, urging the Arabs to quit...It was clearly intimated that those Arabs who remained in Haifa and accepted Jewish protection would be regarded as renegades.

A few years later, the New York Lebanese daily newspaper, *Al Hoda*, reported:

The Secretary General of the Arab League, Azzam Pasha, assured the Arab peoples that the occupation of Palestine and of Tel Aviv would be as simple as a military promenade...He pointed out that they were already on the frontiers and that all the millions the Jews had spent of land and economic development would be easy booty, for it would be a simple matter to throw Jews into the Mediterranean...Brotherly advice was given to the Arabs of Palestine to leave their land, homes, and property and to stay temporarily in neighboring fraternal states, lest the guns of the invading Arab armies mow them down. [Habib Issa, 8 June 1951]

Israel is actually a very small state

ISRAEL and...

France



*Maps drawn to same scale.
Israel shown in blue.*

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ISRAEL and...

Egypt



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ISRAEL and...

The United States



*Maps drawn to same scale.
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Katz, who made extensive use of published Arab sources, as well as reports and dispatches by British reporters and public servants who were patently hostile to the Jewish cause, drew attention to the fact that the British government ordered the destruction of a significant number of official files in order to cover up their complicity in the Arab campaign against the Jews. In addition to the file series relating to the Haganah and another entitled 'Propaganda Among the Arabs,' which dealt with the British policy of inciting Arabs against Jews, Katz noted that

[t]he entire correspondence between the Palestine administration and its chiefs at the Colonial Office in London relating to the records of the meetings of the Executive Council (in effect the Cabinet) of the Palestine government had been “destroyed under statute.”

These files, had they been available, would have shed copious light on the extent to which the British had, for almost the entire duration of the Mandate, incited the Arabs to revolt against the Jews and had trained and financed Arab terrorists. They even created the Arab League (in 1945) to stiffen Arab resistance to the creation of the Jewish state. These deceitful tactics were similar to those adopted by Britain in Kenya, Aden and elsewhere during its imperial decline. Finally, as we have already noted, the British published a White Paper in 1939 which completely overturned the Balfour Declaration and announced that West Palestine would in due course become an Arab state.

4. If the Arabs countries have made, and continue to make, every effort to resolve the Palestinian refugee problem, then why should Israel default on its obligations in this regard?

This is a common myth. The truth of the matter is that the nations of Islam have continually done everything in their power to retain the Palestinian refugee problem and to use it as a rod to beat Israel. The United Nations offered them their own state (in addition to Jordan) in West Palestine in 1947, but they refused the offer. Then Jordan annexed the West Bank in 1950 (which it had already occupied for two years) and was in a position to declare a new Palestinian state in that territory during the following 17 years, before it lost the West Bank to Israel in 1967. However, it made no attempt to do so. Here is how Kumaraswamy (2006) put it (Introduction, p.59):

Even though Israel is normally blamed for the absence of Palestinian statehood, at least until 1967 the Arab states were equally responsible for that failure. Until then, they occupied most of the territory that was given to Palestine under the UN partition, and their failure to create a state in these territories not only weakened the Palestinian cause but, more importantly, created doubts about their commitment to Arab unity.

Karsh, among others, has also drawn attention to the glaring cynicism of the Arab position:

Perhaps the best proof of British prescience regarding this matter was that neither Egypt nor Jordan ever allowed Palestinian self-determination in the parts of Palestine they conquered during the 1948 War: respectively, Gaza and the West Bank. As the Egyptian representative to the armistice talks told a British journalist: 'We don't care if all the refugees will die. There are enough Arabs around.' More than half a century later, many of these refugees still languish in squalid camps waiting for their problem to be solved. (p.92)

Furthermore, the low population density of the former Ottoman Empire meant that there was never any shortage of land to allocate to the refugees, even if the West Bank had not been available. Nor was there ever a shortage of finances, either from oil-rich Arab states or from international organisations and sympathetic western sources, to facilitate their relocation. The reality is that the Palestinians were evicted from Jordan in 1970 and from Lebanon in the 1980s because of the escalating terrorist activities of the PLO. This ongoing aggression, orchestrated by radical elements within Islam, made sure that the unfortunate Palestinian people were deliberately abandoned by the nations of Islam and exploited in the most cynical fashion imaginable. They were never more than pawns in the genocidal plan to destroy Israel.

It should be noted also that the alleged cultural affinity of the Palestinian refugees with the land of West Palestine has little or no foundation since a large proportion are descendants of Arabs who had been resident in West Palestine for no more than a few decades.

Besides being an open sore for propaganda purposes, the Palestinian refugees have long provided convenient cover for Islamic terrorist groups such as the PLO, Fatah, Hamas and Hezbollah. That their operations must inevitably result in casualties among Palestinian civilians is of no consequence in a society where martyrdom and death in the cause of Islam are esteemed as the highest good. In such a twisted philosophy, women and children may be used as human shields, with or without their consent. (For a disturbing insight into the methods used by Hamas to control its members and sacrifice Arab civilians, read *Son of Hamas* by Mosab Hassan Yousef.)

In light of these well-established facts, it is impossible to see how Israel is under any obligation to solve a problem which extremist, Jew-hating elements within Islam have deliberately engendered and aggravated over a period of sixty years.

5. Given that Arabs and Jews lived peacefully together for centuries under Ottoman rule, why can't they jointly occupy and administer a unified Arab-Israeli state in Palestine?

This 'solution' is part of the misleading propaganda spread by radical Islamists and their sympathisers. It tries to disguise the fact that the Jews were always an oppressed minority under Islam, subject to extraordinary mistreatment and abuse.

As unbelievers, Jews were known as *dhimmis*, a sub-class with significantly fewer social and political rights than Muslims, very little security, subject to the prospect of arbitrary assault by any Muslim (against which they had little or no legal recourse), and made to pay an exorbitant tax called *Jizyah*. This tax, which was levied normally on all able-bodied male infidels, was unusually onerous and could consume up to half of one's annual income. In short, *dhimmis* were down-trodden serfs whose continued existence was tolerated mainly on economic grounds. The *dhimmi* system also had a major social advantage in that it placed a layer of indigent people below the Muslim community. So, no matter how badly the Muslims themselves were treated by an oppressive ruling regime, there was always a layer beneath them that was even more exploited and oppressed.

Both the *Koran* and the *Hadith* (the sayings of Muhammad) contain numerous verses which call for the exploitation, and even the elimination, of Jews. They are described several times as a curse upon the earth and a subhuman class – “pigs” and “apes” (Many websites list these verses).

Today it is virtually impossible for anybody other than a Muslim to live safely in some Muslim countries. While immigrant workers are tolerated, they have no status and may be expelled at any time. The Christian Copts of Egypt are subject to dreadful persecution and appear to be a target for annihilation by extremist groups.

The Muslim belief in the inferiority of non-believers is demonstrated in many ways, but perhaps the best known is their insistence on the use of Sharia law in any country where they possess sufficient political influence to compel its introduction. Sharia is simply the codification of Islamic doctrine in all matters pertaining to human behaviour. Applying as it does to just about every aspect of a person’s life, it is far more sweeping and inclusive than any western idea of jurisprudence. Sharia law is “above the law,” that is it supersedes the statutes of all western nations and any law constituted outside the parameters of Islam.

Arabs resident in Israel (excluding the West Bank and Gaza) number around 1.2 million, 8 times the number in 1948. They are eligible for full Israeli citizenship and enjoy the same rights as Jews (except they cannot join the armed forces). They live peacefully with the Jews, elect representatives to the Knesset, and worship in their mosques. As yet they have not been radicalised by Islamic extremist philosophy and seem to be satisfied to remain in Israel (They could sell up and leave without penalty if they so wished). The prospect of living under a despotic regime, with a lower standard of living and fewer civil rights, has not attracted them to countries like Syria or Egypt. In short, peaceful co-existence between Jews and Muslims is only possible when Sharia law has no political force whatever – a condition that could never be satisfied in an Arab-Israeli state.

6. Even allowing for these considerations, surely there is still a case for allowing the Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank to establish their own state? Would that not bring peace?

Many westerners incline toward this view. There are even many Israelis who think it may be the best solution. But it is founded on a lie.

Most Westerners do not understand Islam. They fail to see that it is not just a religion in the accepted sense but an autocratic political system, where all aspects of the individual’s life are regulated by the state. It is lawful under Islam to kill a Muslim who converts to another religion. No religion other than Islam may be preached openly in an Islamic country. Their holy book espouses violence against Jews and Christians, as well as other non-believers (*infidel*) and the concept of *jihad* – the aggressive expansion of Islam – is enshrined in its theology. It is even lawful for Muslims to deliberately deceive their enemies in defence of their religion and to sign a ‘peace’ treaty which they have no intention of honouring. (Muhammad himself set this precedent when, having made a 10-year treaty with the Jews of Mecca, he returned two years later and wiped them all out. In effect their code says “Make peace with your enemy until you are strong enough to destroy him.”)

It is difficult to get an objective account of any controversial incident in which Moslems were involved since their religion allows them to indulge in fabrication if it will help the cause of Islam. Such lies are neither immoral nor displeasing to Allah since the overall aim, the protection of Islam, is what ultimately counts. This principle is similar to the Jesuit belief that the end justifies the means, or the supposedly ethical device, known as *mental reservation*, which Catholic bishops use to justify their lies.

Furthermore few Westerners realise that the Koran is not the only scripture in Islam. The *Hadith* or sayings of Muhammad, which are even more intolerant, sectarian and aggressively anti-Jewish and anti-Christian than the Koran, also carry divine authority. There is no shortage of verses in either branch of Islamic scripture to convince radical Muslims that their campaign of hatred and violence is morally justified. (While it might be true to say that the majority of Muslims give little weight to these verses, it is equally true that the views of moderate, peace-loving Moslems have no effect whatever in a religion dominated by extremists.)

The nations of Islam will never be satisfied until every trace of the Israeli state has been erased from the earth. Never. Even if it was reduced to the size of a postage stamp they would still continue to rage until that final insult to Allah was obliterated.

Israeli leaders made some serious strategic errors in the past when they failed to grasp this fact. For example, having secured a vital buffer zone to the west with the annexation of Sinai, they gave it back to Egypt for a piece of paper. It would be a serious mistake for Israel to surrender *any* of the territory that it currently possesses or controls. It holds all such territory by right, as land acquired in a defensive war against a genocidal invader.

During negotiations brokered by the US at Camp David in July 2000, the Israeli Prime Minister, Ehud Barak, offered the Palestinians most of the West Bank, all of the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem as the capital of a new Palestinian state; in addition, all Palestinian refugees could apply for compensation for loss of property from an international fund to which Israel would contribute along with other countries. And, incredibly, the Palestinian leadership rejected this astonishing offer!

As Abba Eban famously observed after the Geneva peace talks in 1973: “The Arabs never miss an opportunity to miss an opportunity.”

The Palestinian attitude at Camp David shows, if further proof were needed, that the rulers of Islam have no intention of resolving the plight of the Palestinian refugees and no interest whatever in a negotiated settlement – their only goal is the complete annihilation of Israel.

The Palestinian people have been used by the leaders of Islam in a most despicable way, as pawns in a vicious game which they intend to continue playing until Israel is destroyed. These cynical leaders know the power of international opinion and the sympathy that can be gained for their cause by the ongoing televised plight of these unfortunate people. They know that most westerners fall for this type of propaganda, the endless repetition of heart-rending images. They know that the west will continue to perceive the Palestinians as victims – which they are – without seeing that the true architects of their oppression are the Islamic nations which surround them.

Katz noted (p.163) an article in the Egyptian journal *El Muswar* of December 1968 which frankly admitted that “[t]he expulsion of our brothers from their homes should not cause us any anxiety, especially as they were driven into Arab countries...The masses of the Palestinian people are only the advance-guard of the Arab nation...a plan for rousing world opinion in stages, as it would not be able to understand or accept a war by a hundred million Arabs against a small state.”

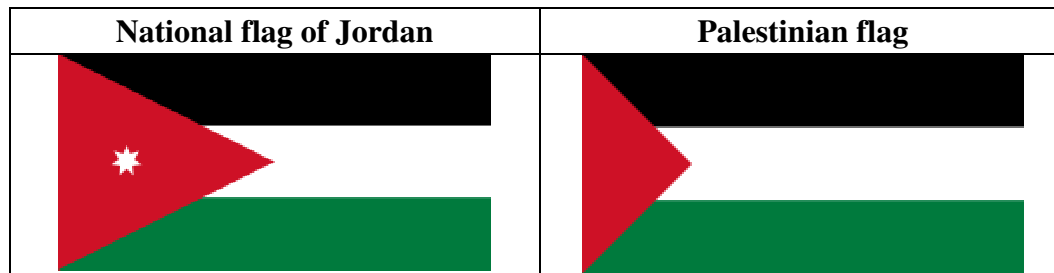
In his discussion of the same theme, Karsh stated:

Indeed, had the Jewish State lost the war, its territory would not have been handed over to the Palestinians but rather divided among the invading forces, for the simple reason that none of the Arab regimes viewed the Palestinians as a distinct nation. As the American academic Philip Hitti put the Arab view to a joint Anglo-American commission of inquiry in 1946: 'There is no such thing as Palestine in history, absolutely not.' - p.91

Bard is just as blunt:

The Arab League created the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in Cairo in 1964 as a weapon against Israel. Neither the PLO nor any Palestinian groups campaigned for Jordan or Egypt to create an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank or Gaza. The focus of Palestinian activism has always been on the destruction of Israel. After the PLO was expelled from Jordan by King Hussein in 1970, many of its active units went to Lebanon. The PLO seized whole areas of the country, where it brutalised the population and usurped Lebanese government authority. – p.69

The Palestinians **already** have their own state – East Palestine (Jordan) – but the refugees are kept out by the Islamic leadership. Through their choice of flag, the Palestinians of the West Bank and Gaza virtually admit that Jordan is their homeland – note the remarkable similarities between it and the Jordanian flag:



The Palestinian refugees could also be accommodated quite easily in another neighbouring Arab state, such as Lebanon and Syria, which already have a significant Palestinian presence, but they are not allowed enter these countries. Or they could be given a slice of the vast Sinai peninsula by Egypt or the sprawling sovereign state of Saudi Arabia, which is one of the most under-populated countries in the world. In short, the plight of the West Palestinian Arabs could be resolved in a week by the global Islamic community if they really wanted to do so.

But this will never happen because the leaders of the Islamic world hate Israel and are fully prepared to bully, oppress, starve and, if necessary, sacrifice millions of their own people – the Palestinians – in order to destroy it.

As Jamal al-Husseini, Vice-President of the Arab Higher Committee, the effective government of the Palestinian Arabs, told the UN General Assembly in 1947 as it was about to cast its vote: 'We are solidly and permanently determined to fight to the last man against the existence in our country of any Jewish state, no matter how small it is.'

Former director of the UNWRA, Ralph Garroway, didn't mince his words when he stated in August, 1958 that "The Arab States do not want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as an affront to the United Nations and as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die." These three simple sentences by Mr Garroway sum up the Arab attitude to the Palestinian refugees.

The essence of the wider problem, the survival of Israel itself, is well captured by Ben-Ami:

The battleground as such was never the only problem for Israel; it was the wider strategic context of a nation surrounded by an immense Arab hinterland that could afford, as indeed it did, one defeat after another, yet always recover and be ready for the next round. This was a luxury – losing a war – the Israelis were always genuinely, and one should also say rightly, convinced that they could never afford.

The Islamic monolith only needs to win once, while Israel needs to win every time.

In the end only one Viewpoint matters

For all our opinions and convictions, and the huge diversity of views that obtain in this matter, at the end of the day only one viewpoint counts, and that is God's. And he has expressed it with remarkable clarity for all to see.

Firstly, he established a binding agreement with Abraham and all of his descendants around 2000 BC:

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (Genesis 17:7-8)

Lest anyone think for a moment that God might not honour his word, he said (around 1500 BC):

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19)

Then, around 1000 BC he again reminded his people that he had every intention of honouring his covenant with them:

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant: (Psalm 105:8-10)

What is more, he said he would honour this "everlasting covenant" even if his people strayed from the precepts that he had laid down for them:

If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. (Psalm 89:30-37)

About 400 years before Christ, he again reminded his people that he does not change, that his covenant will stand, and that those who turn to him in the End Time ("in that day") will be spared, as though each man was His own son:

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. (Malachi 3:6)

And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. (Malachi 3:17)

Jesus confirmed this promise when he said:

Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. (Luke 21:24)

Jerusalem fell to the Gentiles in 70 AD and only returned fully into Jewish hands in 1967. This is a clear sign that the End Time clock is ticking.

Finally, in the Book of Revelation (around 96 BC), the LORD stated in stunning detail exactly how he intends to deal with Satan, the enemies of Israel, and the gross apostasy of mankind in the End Time. If you think for a moment that he did not mean what he said, think again:

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it...And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. (Zechariah 12:1-3, 9)

Concluding Comments

When I set out to research this topic I didn't expect to end up here. Somehow I imagined that the Arab cause would have some justification, however tenuous. After all, there are two sides to every story. So it came as a real surprise to see just how well defined the main issues really are. On the one hand we have a small nation under siege, and on the other a sprawling despotic empire which is determined at all costs to destroy it.

I have based this analysis on facts which are fairly easy to establish. If you have difficulty with my conclusions, then I would suggest you research the facts which, in your opinion, have the greatest bearing on my analysis. I believe it is important that people establish the actual historical position for themselves and not rely solely on secondhand sources.

This paper does not address the conduct of the Israeli Defence Force in recent decades, the activities of Mossad or Shin Bet, the Zionist influence on American politics or the global financial system, the use of Israel as a flashpoint for World War Three, its role in the Illuminati plan to create a New World Order, or any similar factor. It simply sought to establish (a) whether or not the state of Israel (including the land it currently controls) is constituted on sound legal and moral grounds – the answer is **Yes** – and (b) whether or not the state of Israel is responsible for the current plight of the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza – and the answer is **No**.

A summary of the subject as a whole is set out in **Appendix A**.

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Summary

The main proof of Israel's right to exist and to retain possession of all land currently in her possession (the Golan, Jerusalem, Gaza and the West Bank), along with proof that it is not in any manner responsible for the plight of the Palestinian Arabs in Gaza and the West Bank, is as follows:

1. The territory covered by the Palestinian Mandate (today's Jordan and Israel) was significantly under-populated in 1900. Despite its vast size, the total population of the entire Ottoman Empire was only 20 million or so in 1917. The same area today has a population of about 220 million (an average annual increase of 2.7%). Not only was the Empire as a whole under-populated, but Palestine was even more so. Thus the notion that there was no room for a Jewish homeland in Palestine without displacing the indigenous Arab population, such as it was, is untenable. As it happens a large proportion of the Arabs in West Palestine up to 1947 had arrived after the first *Aliyah* (wave of immigration) by the Jews in 1880.
2. There were no national boundaries or nation states within the Ottoman Empire (which existed for about 400 years) and thus no national identity, whether among the Arabs of West Palestine or anywhere else. All identity was a tribal and religious. A state in Palestine, ruled by the Arabs, had never existed. West Palestine (Israel) was never more than a province in the vast territory of Islam and was traditionally regarded by the Arabs as part of Syria and Jordan. The Arabs never recognised the 'Palestinians' as a separate people or ethnic group.
3. The sovereign control which the Turks exercised over the Ottoman Empire was broken in 1918 and the victors (notably Britain and France) had full legal discretion under international law to decide how the Empire should be divided among competing interests.
4. Britain and France agreed with the leading Zionist representatives of the time to create a Jewish homeland in Palestine (the Mandate territory known today as Jordan and Israel).
5. The leading Arab representatives agreed to the creation of a Jewish homeland in Palestine on the understanding that the Arabs would be given control over the remaining Ottoman territory, namely Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Territorial boundaries had not yet been agreed.
6. The leading Arab representatives stated in writing that they welcomed the creation of a Jewish homeland.
7. The international community (the Allies and later the League of Nations) ratified the understanding at 5 above and noted the Arab agreement at 6 above.

8. In 1922, in contravention of international law, Britain divided Palestine in two, giving the area east of the Jordan River to the Arabs (known later as Trans-Jordan, then the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and finally Jordan). Jews were completely excluded from this territory. In doing so Britain summarily reduced the potential area of the prospective Jewish homeland by 75%. The rest of Palestine remained under British control.
9. Britain co-operated in a clandestine manner with the Arabs by imposing restrictions on the immigration of Jews into West Palestine (the proposed Jewish homeland), contrary to international law. These restrictions grew steadily more oppressive in the 1930s.
10. Britain continued to facilitate the unrestricted migration of Arabs into West Palestine, which again was contrary to the terms of the Mandate approved by the League of Nations.
11. Britain also continued to support the Arab cause in West Palestine by restricting the purchase of land by Jews to specific areas. This was done with a view to further reducing the territory which the Jews could ultimately claim as their homeland. Furthermore, the territory concerned was broken into three enclaves which would be more vulnerable to a large-scale military attack than would a single contiguous parcel of land.
12. At the instigation of the British, the Arabs continued throughout the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s to carry out terrorist attacks on Jewish civilian targets.
13. The Arabs living in West Palestine were led to believe by the leadership in the surrounding Arab states (via radio, newspapers and word of mouth) that a large-scale military invasion would take place around the time the Jewish state was declared. They were advised to leave West Palestine temporarily so as not to constrain the invading Arab armies.
14. Large numbers of Arabs would leave in any event on foot of the violent response by their leadership to the UN Resolution of 29 November 1947. This led to a great escalation of tensions between the two communities. The numerous atrocities against Jewish civilians during this period convinced many Arabs that, if the Jews were ever to obtain the upper hand, their safety would not be assured.
15. The official Jewish state, approved by the United Nations in 1947, was only a fraction of the whole of Palestine (East and West) and only 57% of West Palestine. Furthermore, a large part, about 75%, consisted of the inhospitable Negev Desert.
16. Had the Jewish people been allocated a homeland in proportion to their numbers within the Ottoman Empire as a whole, they would have received a far larger piece of territory. (The Kurds should have been allocated a homeland on the same basis but were cheated by the Arabs.)

17. The Arabs of West Palestine were offered their own state by the UN in 1947, but they rejected it.
18. The Jews in the newly founded state of Israel refused to allow the Arabs who had fled in 1947-1948 to return. As a result the refugees lost a considerable amount of property. However, total Arab forfeiture in this manner was half that lost by Jews who were forced to flee from various Islamic states for their own safety.
19. The massive invasion of Israel on 15 May 1948 by the armies of six Arab countries was unsuccessful. This invasion was illegal under international law and genocidal in purpose. Even though the invaders were attacking on three fronts and had significant strategic advantages, they were unable to overcome Jewish resistance.
20. The Arab states refused to assimilate most of the Arabs who departed temporarily from West Palestine in 1947-1948. Other countries assimilated far larger numbers of refugees after World War Two, but the Arab states, despite the extensive territory at their disposal and their ample revenue from oil exports, have consistently refused to do so. This unfortunate group of people, which today number around 3½ million, has been used by the nations of Islam over the past 60 years as an open sore, a cynical propaganda tool to deceive the international community, and as a human shield when conducting terrorist operations against Israeli civilian targets.
21. With British approval, Jordan annexed the West Bank in 1950 and held it until 1967 when it was taken by Israel in the Six-Day War. During this entire period – about 17 years – the Arabs were in a position to declare an independent state for Palestinian Arabs in the West Bank but made no attempt to do so. Similarly, Egypt could have donated Gaza when it was under Egyptian control.. Perhaps these facts, more than any other, demonstrate that the Arabs have deliberately nurtured the Palestinian refugee problem for the express purpose of destroying Israel.
22. The Palestinian leadership has consistently rejected all reasonable offers of a solution. As recently as 2000, they were offered Gaza, most of the West Bank, and East Jerusalem as the capital of a new Palestinian state, but they rejected it.
23. The nations of Islam will never recognise the state of Israel and have no intention of achieving a lasting peaceful settlement. Israel made a major strategic error when it returned Sinai to Egypt in 1979. It should not give away any further territory, for whatever reason. Under the moral code of Islam, the Arabs are under no obligation to honour a treaty made with an infidel nation.
24. The goal of radical Islam, which is heavily financed by Iran and Saudi Arabia, among others, is the total destruction of Israel and the murder of her entire population.

The Ark of the Covenant and the Eye of Lucifer

- Learn just how blasphemous this symbol really is -



Many have wondered why the Illuminati give pride of place to one recurring symbol – the so-called Eye of Horus set in a pyramid or triangle.

The eye, which signifies the *all-seeing eye* of Lucifer, was originally associated with the sun-god Osiris. Referring to this Egyptian deity, Manley Hall, one of the foremost authorities on Masonry, confirmed that “his symbol, therefore, was an opened eye, in honor of the Great Eye of the universe, the sun.”

Another Masonic authority, Albert Pike, revealed that the solar motif is also embodied in the surrounding triangle or pyramid which represents the great Trinity of Masonry – the Sun (Osiris), the Moon (Isis) and the Star (Horus). Through their union, the Male (Osiris) and the Female (Isis) produce the all-powerful deity, Horus – yet a further personification of Lucifer/Osiris.

Pike also stated that the triangle denotes the Masonic concept of the absolute godhead:

“...the TRIANGLE, or the first figure regularly perfect; and this is why it has served and still serves to characterize The Eternal; Who, infinitely perfect in His nature, is, as Universal Creator, the first Being, and consequently the first Perfection.”



Illuminati symbol in public places

Even though these authors, who enjoy the highest standing in Masonry, have explained the occult meaning behind the *eye-in-the-pyramid* symbol, the reason for its pre-eminence among the many occult symbols of the Illuminati is still unclear. Not only have they placed it on the American one dollar bill, but they like to disguise it in prominent commercial emblems and to display it, usually in a low-key manner, in public places.

Lucifer is continually trying to imitate God

It has long been known that Lucifer likes to duplicate everything that the LORD upholds, as defined in the Bible, but to distort it in accordance with his perverse philosophy. Take, for example, the mythologies of ancient cultures, most of which are designed to praise and glorify the power of Lucifer (Zeus, Jupiter, Wotan, etc) and his fallen angels. They often include recognizable themes from Biblical stories which have been taken out of context and incorporated in a degrading or obscene manner into a pagan framework.

We are living in a time where Lucifer is clearly stepping forward more than ever before into the public domain. In his lust for popular worship, as distinct from the worship he receives in secret from occult societies, he craves to be recognised universally as an equal with GOD. In pursuing this goal he continues to apply his traditional strategy of *duplicating* while at the same time *perverting* the things of GOD.



If this is so, then we might ask: Which part of the Bible is he duplicating and perverting with his *eye-in-the-pyramid* symbol?

Since the eye of Horus is intended to personify nothing less than Lucifer himself, then he must be trying to counterfeit an especially potent expression of GOD's own power and holiness by enclosing his all-seeing eye in a triangle.

While GOD reveals His power and holiness in many ways in the Bible, perhaps the most enduring and best known is the Ark of the Covenant, specifically the Mercy Seat (*kipporah*) which sat on top of the Ark. This was not just a symbol of GOD, but the very place on earth where He met and communed with His people.



A brazen celebration of the Eye of Horus symbol. The pyramid version is used twice, while the 'eye' itself appears no fewer than 11 times (11 is the Illuminati calling card). The lightning bolt is yet another symbol of Lucifer ("And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." - Luke 10:18).

The Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant

The Mercy Seat is described in several passages in Scripture, including the following:

And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.
(Exodus 25:22)

And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be.
(Exodus 25:20)

And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, and covered with their wings over the mercy seat, with their faces one to another... (Exodus 37:9)

And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. (Hebrews 9:5)

The cherubim or exalted angels which rested on either end of the Mercy Seat were made of solid gold. As Scripture shows, their wings stretched forth on high to form a canopy or covering above the centre of the Ark. It was within the space enclosed by their wings that the LORD met and communed with His people. Only the High Priest was allowed to enter into the Holy of Holies in which the presence of the LORD, the Shekinah Glory, was manifested.

Standing or Kneeling?

Some modern depictions of the Mercy Seat show the two angels in a standing position, while others show them kneeling. The Bible does not specify which posture they adopted but, given that they were in the presence of the Living GOD, it seems reasonable to assume that they were kneeling. For example, when Solomon was dedicating the Temple, which became filled with the Shekinah Glory ("for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD" – 1 Kings 8:11), he did so while kneeling on his knees with his arms upraised:

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. (1 Kings 8:54)

Further evidence that this was the correct posture may be found in Isaiah:

I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. (Isaiah 45:23)

Wing configuration

In many images or models which depict the angels in a kneeling position on the Mercy Seat, their wings are curving around their bodies and extending upward in a protective posture. The alternative arrangement, in which the wings remain *behind* the angel and incline forward until they meet above the Mercy Seat, could not be described with any conviction as a *covering* or protective posture.

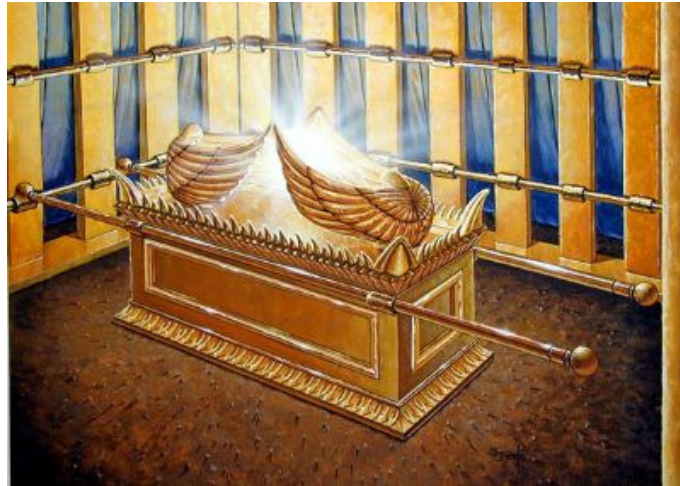


The Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant.

This posture, with the wings behind the cherubim, does not conform fully with the Biblical description.

Thus we should be able to approximate the actual position of the cherubim affixed to the Ark if we depict them kneeling on both knees with their wings unfolding on either side of their bodies and touching above the centre of the Mercy Seat.

If we assume that their wings were fairly large, the resulting configuration, as seen from the front, is actually quite startling – a regular triangle.



[Painting by Stanley C Stein at steinarts.com]

It was within this space that the LORD met and communed with His people.

And it is within the **same** space that Lucifer wants to be depicted. The Illuminati symbol, the Eye of Horus enclosed in a triangle, is therefore a deliberate attempt to duplicate the **Shekinah Glory**.

This means that the image shown on the American one dollar bill is even more blasphemous, even more obscene, than is commonly supposed. It represents not just an affront to Christianity, but a deliberate mockery and rejection of the LORD and the exaltation of Satan in His place.

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Christians of America, please wake up. The psychopaths who run your country are determined to destroy your religion, your values and your way of life. You absolutely must take a stand against the tyranny hidden in your midst.

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How the Bible Foretold, in Two Places, the Foundation Date for Israel – 1948

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At a time when the modern state of Israel is coming under severe pressure from other countries, both Arab and Western, to cede part of its sovereign territory to its enemies, we need to remind ourselves that the LORD has other plans.

Through His holy Word we know that this rebellious act will not be tolerated. He said that he would gather His people from among the nations and establish them once again in the Promised Land. Not only did He uphold His covenant, but He did so in the year foretold, 1948 AD.

This year may be calculated from two prophetic passages in the Bible, both of which were underlined in dramatic fashion by the LORD. The first is in the Book of Daniel, where the pre-incarnate Christ wrote four words on the wall during Belshazzar's feast. The second is during one of the public enactments of prophecy which Ezekiel was required to perform. Instead of simply reporting and recording the prophecy, Ezekiel had to go one step further and act it out in a public place.

Before proceeding to show how the date may be calculated in two different ways, I would like to give full credit to two important sources. The first is *Temple at the Center of Time* by David Flynn, which sheds significant light on the meaning of the words that the pre-incarnate Christ wrote on the wall in Babylon. The second is *The Israel Omen* by David Brennan, which gives one of the two prophetic calculations. The purpose of this paper is to highlight the interpretations made by these two authors and, more importantly, the connection between them.

Some points about Biblical prophecy

The Bible frequently refers to a prophetic year as a "day". There are many passages which confirm this. For example, when Jacob had to work a further seven years for Laban in order to win Rachel as his wife, the Bible refers to this period as a "week", that is seven days.

The Jews in Biblical times also used the lunar calendar, which had a year of 360 days, rather than the solar calendar which uses a year of 365.24 days. It is important to take this into account when interpreting prophetic passages. (See Note A).

The First Prophetic Calculation

The scene at Belshazzar's feast in the year 538 BC is one of the most dramatic in the Bible. As co-regent of the Babylonian empire, Belshazzar was hosting an extravagant party for his admirers, using vessels stolen from the Temple in Jerusalem. Unknown to Belshazzar and his generals, the Persians had stealthily diverted the Euphrates river which flowed through Babylon and were quietly filtering along its empty channel beneath the great walls of the city.

During their last hours the Babylonian dignitaries – who were committing an appalling act of sacrilege by using Temple vessels – were confronted by a disembodied hand which wrote the following words on the wall of the banqueting hall: “Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin” (Daniel 5:25).

Everyone in attendance was greatly alarmed. The old prophet, Daniel, who by then was probably in his late eighties, was called to interpret these disturbing words. What message did they have for Belshazzar? According to Daniel, they were saying that God had numbered the days of the kingdom of Babylon, that its rulers had been weighed and found wanting, and that it was now being divided between two conquering nations, the Medes and the Persians.

The prophecy was fulfilled and Belshazzar and his generals were executed the same day.

David Flynn noted that the four words also appeared to carry a further meaning. On the principle that the Bible is its own dictionary, he referred to the section of Ezekiel which described the Temple of the Messiah during the Millennium, in particular a verse relating to weights and measures:

And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your manneh.
(Ezekiel 45:12)

These words – *shekel*, *gerah* and *manneh* – were actually Chaldean in origin and denoted different units of measurement in ancient Babylon (Both Daniel and Ezekiel lived in Babylon, were familiar with its customs, and could speak Chaldean). The *gerah* was the smallest unit of monetary value in Babylon, rather like a cent in modern usage. Thus the words “Mene, Mene, Tekel [*shekel*], Upharsin” were collectively describing a numerical value, where a Mene (or *manneh*) was 50 shekels or 1000 gerahs, a Tekel 20 gerahs, and a Parsin 500 gerahs (Upharsin literally means ‘and a divided manneh’). This gives 1000 + 1000 + 20 + 500.

Independent confirmation of this, where the words in question (namely, *mene*, *tekel* and *parsin*) can be interpreted as traditional Babylonian units of measurement, may be found in *The Bible Knowledge Commentary* by Walvoord and Zuck

David Flynn then went on to analyse the many remarkable ways in which this number, 2520, crops up again and again in Jewish history and Bible exegesis.

However, there was one application of the number which he did not identify and which appears to be highly significant. In the same way that the four words on the wall were conveying a specific message to Belshazzar, they were also conveying another, very different message to the Jews. To appreciate the significance of this message we need to place it in its historical context. Babylon had fallen in that very hour and the entire kingdom was now under the rule of Cyrus, the Persian general. The following year, 537 BC, Cyrus would issue a decree for the release of all foreigners held captive in Babylon. This instantly lifted the residency restrictions on the Jewish people and they were now at liberty to return to the Promised Land.

Jeremiah had prophesied that the Jews would be held captive for 70 years in Babylon – see Jeremiah 25:11-12 (The difference between 606 BC, when Babylon first took captives from Jerusalem, and 537 BC, when Cyrus issued his decree, is 69 solar years or 70 lunar years). The Jews, who had just served 70 lunar years of captivity in Babylon, would continue to live under subjection to a succession of foreign powers – Persian, Greek and Roman – before being scattered to the four winds. They would not become a self-governing nation again until 1948 AD.

The difference between these two dates – 537 BC and 1948 AD – is 2484 solar years. (We must *subtract* a year since a calendar year is lost in the transition from BC to AD. For example, the gap between 1 January 2 BC and 1 January 2 AD is three years, not four.) However, since these are solar years, they have a length of 365.24 days. If we convert them into lunar years, we arrive at a truly astonishing result:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2484 \text{ solar years} = 907,256 \text{ days} & [2484 \times 365.24 = 907,256] \\ 907,256 \text{ days} = \underline{2520 \text{ lunar years}} & [907,256 / 360 = 2520] \end{array}$$

So, just as they were about to complete their 70 years of captivity in Babylon, the LORD was telling the Jewish people that they still had a further 2,520 lunar years to serve before the penalty for their transgressions had been paid in full and they could once again return to, and enjoy sovereign control over, the Promised Land.

The Second Prophetic Calculation

We will now examine the second prophecy regarding the foundation of modern Israel and the year 1948 (This follows David Brennan's analysis, with some minor changes).

The prophet Ezekiel tells us that the LORD directed him to lie on his left side in a public place for 390 days and then to turn on his right side and lie there for a further 40 days:

Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it thou shalt bear their iniquity.

For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year. [Ezekiel 4:4-6]

Please consider how extraordinary this must have seemed to the Jewish people of the time, where a highly respected prophet voluntarily prostrated himself before all and sundry in a most undignified way for over a year. Clearly the LORD wanted everyone to get the message.

But what was the message?

This is spelt out by Ezekiel. The northern and southern kingdoms of Israel (known respectively as the house of Israel and the house of Judah) were being punished for their iniquities – their repeated failure to do the bare minimum that the LORD had asked of them. As a rebellious and stiff-necked people who had refused to honour their covenant with God, they were to suffer retribution. The LORD had already warned them many times of the punishment that would befall them if they spurned His holy law, but they would not listen.

As the above passage states, each day represented a year of punishment. This punishment was to comprise 390 years for the rebellion by the northern kingdom and 40 years for the southern kingdom. What is more, the sentence was to be served consecutively, with the two periods added together, just as the prophet himself was required to lie in a public place – among strangers – for 430 consecutive days.

The Book of Leviticus sets out precise details of the law which the Jewish people were meant to observe. It also specifies, as appropriate, the penalties that would be incurred for each breach of the law. In particular, as David Brennan notes, it provides for the multiplication of all such penalties where the attitude of disobedience was willful and persistent:

And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. (Leviticus 26:18)

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. (Leviticus 26:21)

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. (Leviticus 26:27-28)

These admonitions, repeated three times, would strongly suggest that the LORD later did as He warned he would do and multiplied their punishment seven-fold. This occurred apparently when they rejected Him yet again at the end of the Babylonian captivity by refusing to return in any appreciable numbers to the Promised Land. While a small group had returned initially to rebuild the Temple, the numbers overall were very low. For example, in 459 AD, 78 years after the decree issued by Cyrus, when there would have been well over 200,000 Jews living in Babylon, only 6,000 decided to return from exile with the prophet Ezra (See Ezra 8).

Since the Jews had already served 70 years of their punishment in Babylon, the multiplication specified in Leviticus could apply only to the remainder, namely 360 years (430 less 70). When subjected to a seven-fold increase this becomes 2520 years (360 by 7).

And once again we have the remarkable number, 2520.

As our earlier calculation showed, this translates into a foundation date for the modern state of Israel of 1948.

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Again I would like to acknowledge the fine work done by David Flynn (*Temple at the Center of Time*) and David Brennan (*The Israel Omen*) in interpreting these key prophetic passages and relating them to contemporary events. I hope this paper serves to highlight the connection between these prophecies and the need for all born-again Christians to stand firmly for Israel in the coming turmoil.

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Note A

Biblical year of 360 days

The 360-day year is used throughout the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. For example, in Genesis we read:

In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. (Genesis 7:11)

And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. (Genesis 8:3-4)

These verses show that a period of 5 months is equal to exactly 150 days, giving 30 days per month or 360 days per year.

In Revelation we read:

“They will trample on the holy city for 42 months. And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” (Rev. 11:2-3).

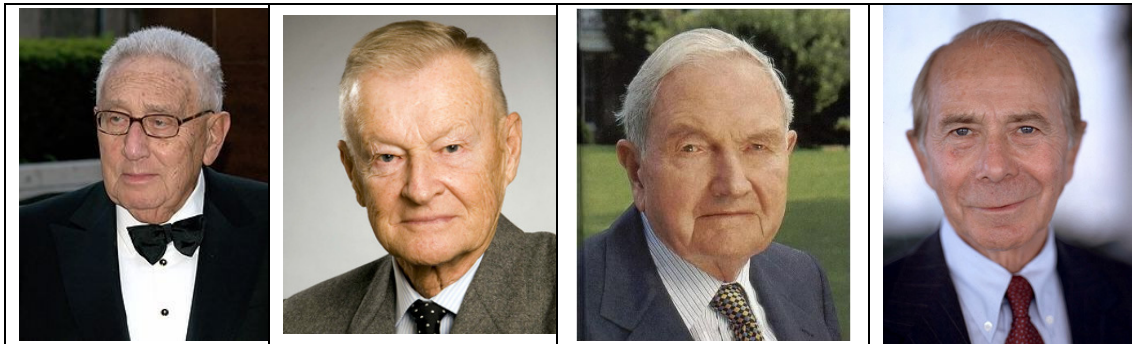
This confirms that, even in the End Time, the LORD is describing events in accordance with a 30-day month, 360-day year [1260 / 42 = 30].

Understanding the Illuminati Mindset: Why the USA is Scheduled for Destruction

by Jeremy James

This paper is designed to highlight a remarkable 3-hour interview with Pastor Lindsey Williams on YouTube and to provide background material on the Illuminati which may be of assistance to some readers. Please note that Pastor Williams refers to the Illuminati as “the Elite.”

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The Illuminati are the real rulers of the world, the Elite who exercise complete control over the financial and political systems of all major industrialised countries. They were described by Christ as 'the Synagogue of Satan' because Satan (or Lucifer) is their god. They worship and serve Lucifer, the so-called Angel of Light, in much the same way that Christians worship and serve the LORD.

Few people know that they exist, even though Christ made it very clear that they do. Since the world is governed by Lucifer and these are his loyal agents, then they too rule the world. In a very real sense they are the means by which Lucifer is carrying out his grand plan to secure complete control over mankind.

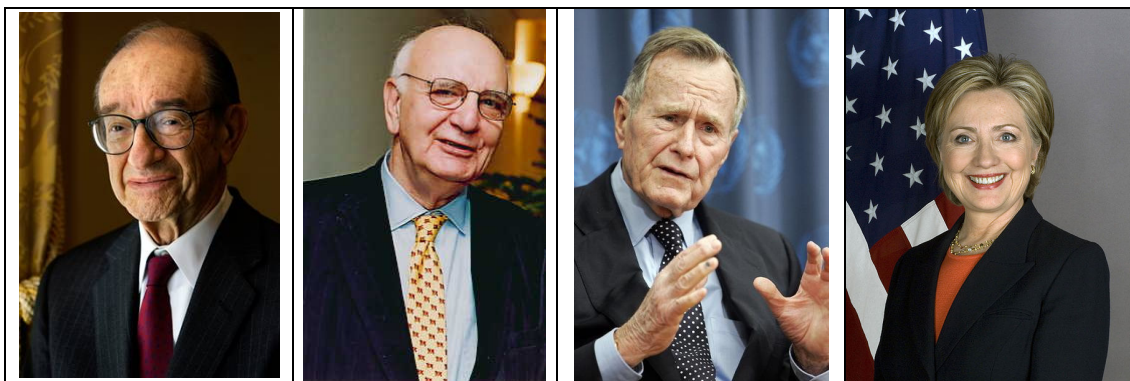
One of the reasons the Illuminati have been so successful at hiding themselves is that 'normal' people find it very difficult to conceive of their existence. How is it possible, they ask, that a group of otherwise unassuming people could be so infused with the false light of Lucifer that everything they did was dedicated to his work in this world?

The purpose of this paper is (a) to describe the kind of people we are talking about and (b) to identify their mindset and the way they perceive the world.

The Traditional Stereotype of an Evil Person is Misleading

As recently as the 19th century most westerners were professing Christians. This meant they recognised evil as a tangible reality and an ongoing threat to our spiritual well-being. They knew evil was more than just an absence of good, but a devouring darkness that could destroy the unwary. Today that understanding has been all but lost.

It is fair to say that Satan has hidden himself extremely well by inducing the majority of mankind into believing that he does not exist, that he was purely a mythical entity that earlier, less mature civilisations needed to account for the pain and adversity of this world.



Today, evil is generally portrayed as a pathology. A patently evil person is often viewed by professionals as the victim of a serious personality disorder, arising perhaps from some kind of genetic abnormality or a trauma suffered in childhood. In this way evil is mistakenly reduced to a neurological or psychiatric phenomenon – a trivialisation which fails utterly to recognise it as an independent and highly destructive supernatural reality.

It is impossible to understand the Illuminati and their strategy for bringing about a totalitarian system of global government unless you recognise that extreme evil exists, that some people choose to serve this dark supernatural force, and that the hierarchy through which they operate is co-ordinated from the top by Lucifer himself. In other words, we should take *very seriously* the reference that Christ made to the Synagogue of Satan.

Do you remember when Christ was tempted by Satan in the desert? The Prince of Darkness offered to give the earth to the Lord as his own personal kingdom if only he would bow down and worship him. Note that this temptation would have had no meaning unless Satan *actually* possessed the power to make such a bequest.

This is exactly what Satan does with those who serve him today, granting them undeserved, and often startling, earthly success in return for their unquestioning loyalty and obedience.

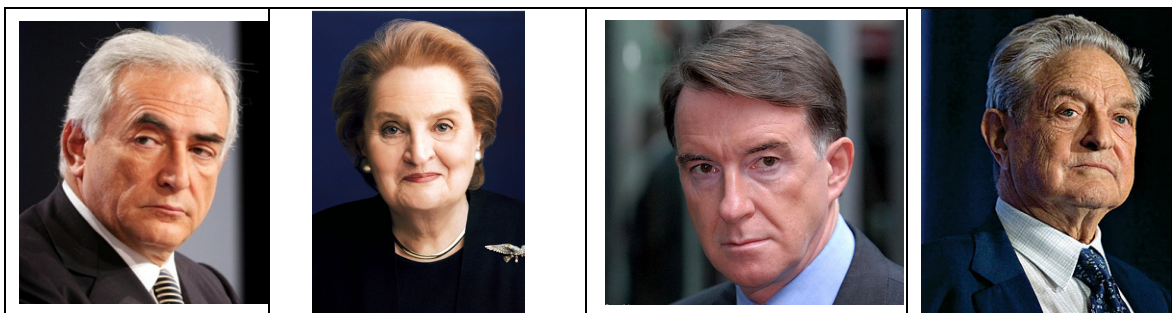
While reporting on the Eichmann trial in 1962, one journalist was struck by the amazing disparity between the horror of the crimes committed by this infamous Nazi officer and the frail, unremarkable individual sitting in the dock before her. She struggled to find a suitably stirring description of this huge contradiction – how a quiet man who was simply 'doing his job' could organise murder on such a grand scale – but eventually she settled on just four words: *the banality of evil*.

We generally think that extreme evil should be easy to discern, but it's not. Hollywood, the great Illuminati propaganda machine, has done its job well. After decades of indoctrination most people expect an evil person to display some outward characteristic that would hint at the supernatural darkness within. But they are mistaken!

We should discard all of these stereotypes. The “banality of evil” will fool us every time. The Global Elite are among the most cultured, most charming and most educated people on the planet. One would never guess that a consortium of this calibre, with impeccable professional credentials, is busily planning World War Three and, following that, a Marxist dictatorship. These people are so perfectly possessed by the Luciferian ideal, so fully aligned with its overall purpose, that they are virtually undetectable.

The Goals and Philosophy of the Illuminati

If they were utterly secretive about themselves, we would have a very hard time figuring out how their minds worked. Fortunately, many of them are extremely arrogant and love to flaunt their intellectual superiority. One has only to examine the writings of men like H G Wells, Aldous Huxley or Bertrand Russell to see the astonishing hubris and intensely anti-Biblical attitude that characterises the Illuminati mindset. They regard themselves as the rightful rulers of this world and are working away quietly, biding their time, until their long-planned New World Order can be put in place.



We can learn a lot more about their mindset by examining their beliefs. To start with, they are not atheists. As we have seen, their god is Lucifer. While Christianity portrays Lucifer as Satan, the supreme embodiment of all that is evil, they see him as the one true god. To them he is the Light-bringer, the true source of all knowledge, wisdom and power. The goal in their philosophy is to become fully imbued with the Light of Lucifer. Anyone who reaches this state of ‘illumination’ is known as an *Illuminatus* (plural: *Illuminati*).

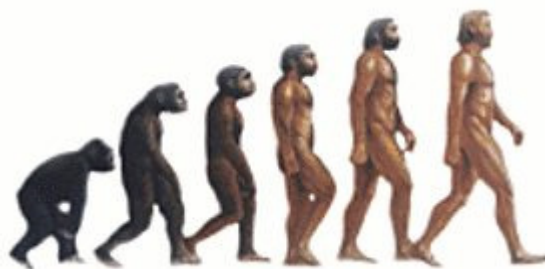
They regard science and technology as the key to the unlimited expansion of human influence in the universe. This knowledge is transmitted by Lucifer on a phased basis to those who serve him well. Eventually man will solve the problem of ageing and travel into space to colonise distant planets. In time, they believe, the superior man can become even stronger through the incorporation into his body of electronic and genetic enhancements.

They regard the God of the Bible as a false god, an oppressor who tries to keep men in subjection by withholding knowledge and teaching a weak and pitiful philosophy. On the other hand, Lucifer is seen as the great liberator, the one who is helping men to realise their divine nature.

They know, however, that the God of the Bible cannot be overthrown. Instead they believe that Lucifer is His equal and that the two will strive against one another throughout eternity. Thus the Illuminati conceive of the universe in dynamic, dualistic terms – good and evil, positive and negative, male and female, strong and weak, light and darkness. The true goal of any human is to acquire such a perfect knowledge of good and evil that he (or she) can rise in triumph above the cosmic conflict and live like a god.

You may recall that the knowledge of good and evil is exactly what Satan offered Eve in the Garden of Eden. He also promised that, if she gained that knowledge, she would become a god in her own right. This shows how Satan's lies have never changed and that he continues to teach the same rebellious (and completely false) philosophy.

According to the Elite, very few humans will ever have the strength to become an *Illuminatus*. Most are weak. Indeed, countless millions are so weak that they deserve to be destroyed. They are simply consuming the earth's resources and polluting the planet. It is widely believed by those who have studied the Illuminati that they intend to depopulate large regions of the planet and allow them to return to their natural state. This fully accords with the End Time scenario described in the Book of Revelation, where a huge proportion of mankind is destroyed in a matter of months through disease, famine and other calamities.



This is why the Theory of Evolution is so important to the Illuminati. They see humans as animals, just like any other creature on earth. They ought to evolve in an upward direction but very few do. Only those who come from the elite bloodlines have succeeded in breaking out of their fixed human state – the prison in which they are held by the god of the Bible – and are moving toward the exalted heights of Enlightenment and spiritual freedom.

The Illuminati, who are primarily Anglo-Saxon, use the occult science of evolution to justify their intense racism. Only rarely is a non-white person deemed by them to possess the 'spiritual' qualities that are needed to join their ranks.

The Ruling Elite and their Families

The families of the Elite have taught this exclusivist philosophy to their children for generations. They work together to strengthen their collective influence in society and, toward this end, have traditionally steered their children toward careers in banking, law and politics. In recent decades their level of hands-on involvement has greatly expanded to match the huge increase in power and influence that they now wield through multinational corporations and international institutions.

These elite families always ensure that their children receive a first class education. They then select the brightest for advanced training. They are intensely nepotistic and once they gain a foothold at the highest level in key corporations and institutions, they open further doors to their own kind. Since this process has continued for generations, they have been able to co-ordinate their efforts to such effect that there is hardly a major organisation in any industrialised country that they do not control or influence in some manner, whether directly or through a proxy.

Around the middle of the 20th century they appear to have made a deliberate decision to take on board non-Illuminati members who, by virtue of their skills and disposition, could prove useful to the elite. Suitable candidates are identified and selected at university level and then given the necessary training, as well as exposure to key players, through such mechanisms as a Rhodes Scholarship or a Fulbright Fellowship.



If you see all of this as merely a ‘conspiracy’ – and therefore somewhat farfetched – you are missing the point. It has long been known that wealthy and influential people work together to advance their respective interests. Such cabals and cartels are often referred to as a ‘golden circle.’ The only distinctive feature of the Illuminati cartel is that it has been operating for a very long time, that it works across national boundaries, and that its most influential members are practitioners of the occult. Indeed, if you consider the depravity of human nature and the salutary lessons of history, it would be very surprising if a cartel of this nature did not exist.

The Illuminati is the Ultimate Cartel

Of all the subversive, self-serving organisations that have existed since the Middle Ages, none have been nearly as ruthless, as ambitious or as strategic in their approach as the Illuminati. That’s why they came out on top.

The precise point in history at which they took control is hard to identify. One of the hallmarks of the Illuminati is their ability to create secret organisations which serve their purpose. In this way they can exercise control over those who manage the most important institutions in society. And since the members of these organisations are bound by a secret oath and are expected to be unfailingly obedient to members of higher rank, they can be manipulated in ways they don’t understand. The best known of these secret organisations is that of Freemasonry, perhaps the most effective tool the Illuminati have had for advancing their cause. Not only is it a honey-trap for businessmen and professionals who are anxious for social advancement, but it is also, in a cunningly disguised form, an elaborate guild built on Luciferian principles. Without even knowing it, right from the day they join and take the Masonic oath, each and every member is swearing his unwavering loyalty to Lucifer.

Freemasonry grew from the occult societies of the Middle East, mostly Cabala, Egyptian magic and the mystery schools of ancient Greece. As it travelled west in the late 17th and early 18th centuries and became incorporated within a formal structure in various European countries, it proved somewhat difficult to control and co-ordinate. The task of bringing together these various branches fell to the foremost Masons in Europe and America in the 19th century, notably Albert Pike, Guiseppi Mazzini and Lord Palmerstown. This process of unification included the creation of an elite and profoundly Luciferian school of Masonry known as the Palladian Rite. Some of the highest members of the Illuminati are believed to be members of this Rite.

At this juncture, around 1870, the Illuminati had the global reach they needed to set their grand plan in motion. Through it they intended to undermine the independence and sovereignty of the leading industrialised countries and bring them all within a consolidated system of global governance – which the Illuminati would then control. This is the infamous New World Order which American Presidents, British Prime Ministers and other international leaders have been alluding to for the past twenty years.

The Three Hammer Blows

Since the masses would resist the creation of such an entity, it would have to be imposed by stealth. But stealth alone was not enough. A series of hammer blows would also be needed to break up the old order – the existing network of independent sovereign states – and replace it with progressively larger political entities which could then be merged to form a global government. They reckoned that three hammer blows in all would be needed. The first – World War One – would destroy the empires of Europe and the Middle East and establish, in Russia, a smaller version of the totalitarian political system which they were planning to impose in due course on the world as a whole. It would also enable them to establish the first global political institution, the League of Nations. The second hammer blow – World War Two – would create turmoil across Europe and Asia and lay the foundations for Communist China, the European Union and the United Nations.

Before World War One the nations of Europe had already established total control over the entire continent of Africa, while the United States had a stranglehold over most of Latin America. Britain controlled India, large parts of the Middle East and, by vicarious means, Canada and Australasia. Russia and China were under complete Illuminati control, while Japan fell into their hands in 1945. This left, as intended, just one major player on the world stage – the USA.

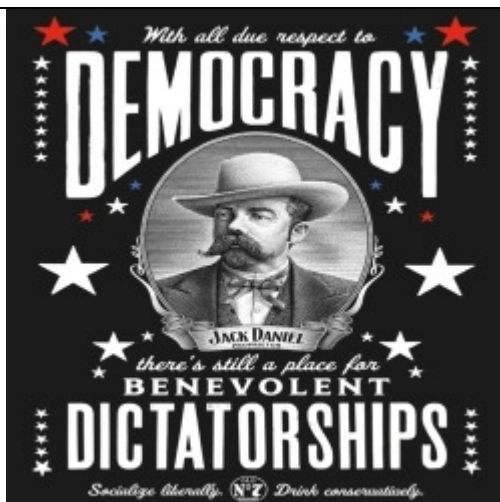
America is quite literally the last man standing, the only obstacle between the Illuminati and the creation of a One World Government.

The Coming Turmoil in the United States

The Illuminati intend to use hammer blow #3 to fatally weaken the United States and traumatise the rest of the world. They know that, when this blow falls, everyone will cry out for an international organisation to restore calm at any price. The ‘price’ extracted by the Ruling Elite will be the abolition of the existing system of independent sovereign states and the creation of a global system of government. Once the Illuminati have this global structure in place they will then be able to slowly tighten the strings until the world is firmly in the grip of a perfectly functioning Marxist dictatorship.

The Illuminati like to advertise their intentions in a subtle way. Here they use a *Jack Daniels* whisky ad to say:

“With all due respect to democracy, there’s still a place for benevolent dictatorships.”

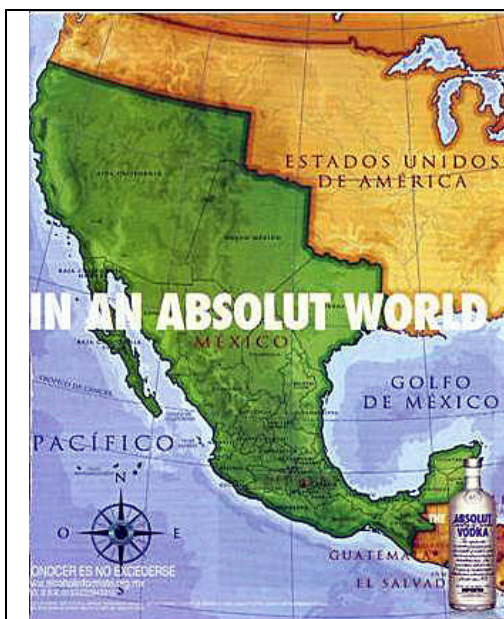


This third hammer blow will come through the devastation of World War Three. The Illuminati have been setting the necessary 'dominoes' in place over the past hundred years or so. Using a series of deliberately engineered flashpoints – the Middle East, North and South Korea, Kashmir and Taiwan – they plan to set in motion a string of nuclear exchanges which will kill millions of people and completely destabilize large parts of the globe. As an ally of Taiwan and South Korea, the US will be drawn into a deadly confrontation with China. Meanwhile, the radical hoards of Islam will try to overrun Israel, and long simmering tensions between Pakistan and India – both of which have nuclear missiles – will ignite into a full-blown war.

Most of the suffering in Europe will come through an oil and food shortage, the collapse of the international banking system, and sporadic terrorist activity. The use of biological weapons or earthquake-generating technology cannot be ruled out.

At least this appears to be the plan. We can never be sure since they continue to modify and update their strategy to accord with changing circumstances. This allows them to take maximum advantage of auspicious conditions and to conceal their subversive activities beneath the cloak of otherwise normal events.

They may not need to implement all of the elements in their grand plan in order to achieve the outcome they want. However, there are strong indications that they intend to seriously destabilise the United States through the use of nuclear devices which they will then blame on radical Islamists. These devices will wreak havoc in several North American cities – four or five in the US and one each in Canada and Mexico. The Illuminati will then exploit the ensuing chaos to bring the entire continent under martial law, imprison dissidents, and denounce Bible-believing Christian churches as breeding grounds for 'fundamentalism.'



The well-known vodka labels, *Absolut* and *Smirnoff*, have both run several ad campaigns which depict, albeit in a disguised form, various aspects of the coming New World Order.

The ad on the left shows how the United States is scheduled to be reconfigured in the proposed 'North American Union.' The Mexican drug barons will probably be used to drive large numbers of Mexicans into the southern USA, destabilizing several states.

The campaign to slander and vilify Bible-believing Christians is already well under way. The foremost 'evangelist' in the US, Rick Warren – who is a member of the Council for Foreign Relations, an Illuminati stronghold – made the following statements a few years ago:

Today there really aren't that many Fundamentalists left; I don't know if you know that or not, but they are such a minority; there aren't that many Fundamentalists left in America...Now the word 'fundamentalist' actually comes from a document in the 1920s called the *Five Fundamentals of the Faith*. And it is a very legalistic, narrow view of Christianity."

– from interview with *Pew Forum on Religion*, May 2005

Warren predicts that fundamentalism, of all varieties, will be "one of the big enemies of the 21st century." "Muslim fundamentalism, Christian fundamentalism, Jewish fundamentalism, secular fundamentalism – they're all motivated by fear, fear of each other."

– from an interview with *Paul Nussbaum*, January 2006

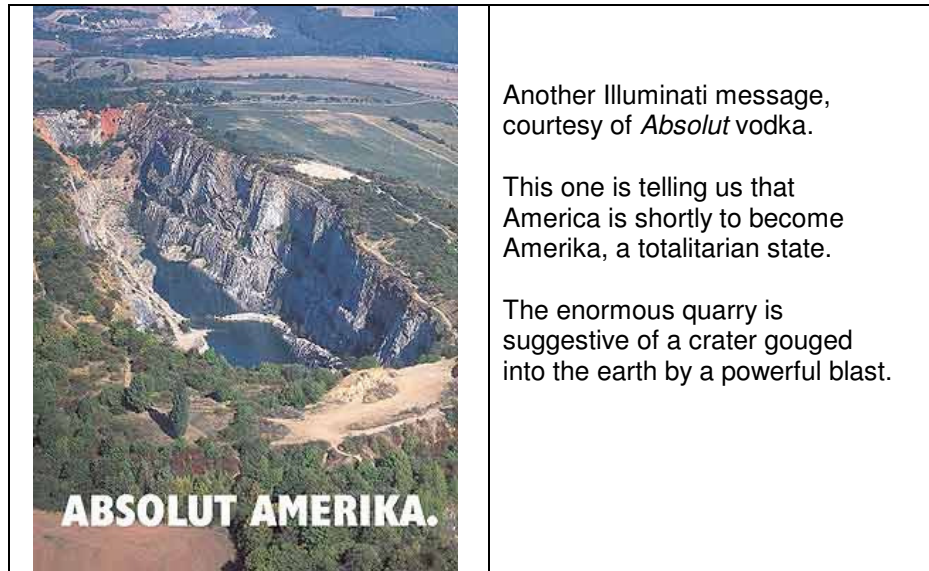
In short, if you believe the Bible and accept it unconditionally as the Word of God, then you risk being labelled a Christian fundamentalist and, as such, a potential terrorist.

The Illuminati despise Christianity and want it eliminated, especially in the United States. In fact the coming turmoil will be used to discredit *any* religion which claims to have an exclusive monopoly on truth. They will be labelled, not just divisive and intolerant, but the root cause of all wars (including this one). This is why the confrontation in the Middle East will be so important. In the aftermath of this awful event, believers in Christianity, Judaism and Islam will very likely be required to pledge their allegiance to a set of universal spiritual principles and thereby renounce the exclusivity of their religious beliefs. Christians everywhere, by submitting to this 'tolerant' One World Religion, will be rejecting Christ and the LORD God of the Bible.

The USA is 'the last man standing'

If all of this seems utterly improbable, then please consider the following:

1. Jesus warned us about the Synagogue of Satan.
2. The goal of Satan is to control the whole world and induce everyone to worship him.
3. Nothing breaks up a political structure as swiftly and decisively as a powerful blow.
4. The Illuminati have already used two World Wars to advance their cause.
5. They have gone to great lengths to create several international flashpoints.
6. The coming World War will knock out the 'last man standing' – the USA.
7. It will also shatter resistance everywhere to the creation of a One World Government.
8. The war will be over in just a few months.



The US was deliberately built up during the 20th century to become the powerhouse of the world economy. The dollar reigned supreme in international trade, world banking and the financial markets. Nearly all major industrial and technological developments were designed to originate in this large, stable, and ever-growing economy. This ensured that, when it collapsed in accordance with the Illuminati timetable, the world economy as a whole would be thrown into turmoil.

This is exactly what Marxism was designed to achieve. It should hardly be surprising, therefore, that the current US President – who appeared out of nowhere in 2007 – taught workshops for several years in what is perhaps the most potent brand of Marxism known today, namely that of Saul Alinsky. His book, *Rules for Radicals*, which he dedicated to Lucifer, is almost a sacred text among communists and anarchists everywhere. It is so subversive, so inhumanly destructive, that it makes Machiavelli seem like an altar boy.

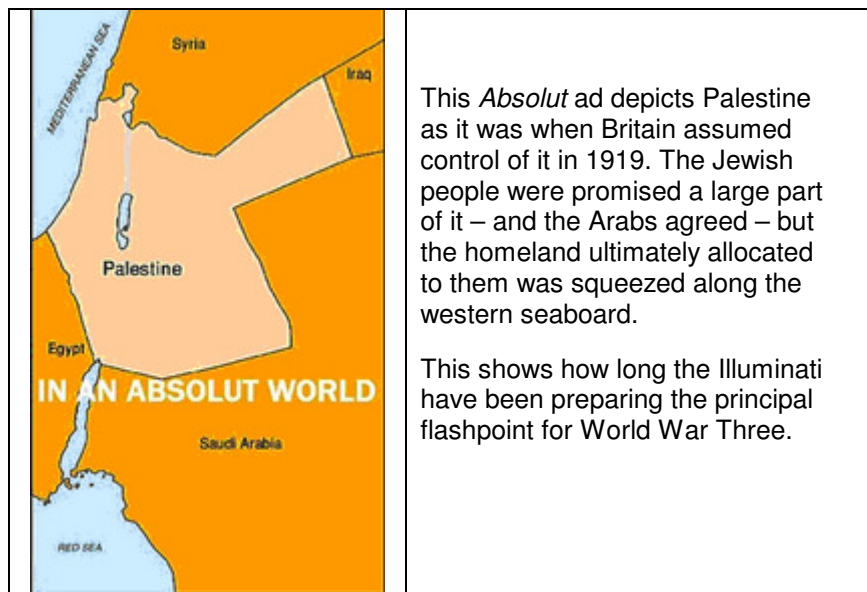
Incidentally, Secretary of State Hilary Clinton based her graduation thesis on Alinsky's works. If you are an American citizen and these facts do not cause you very deep concern, then the fate of your great country has already been decided.

The Messiah / Maitreya

Some may see the coming World War Three scenario as the End Time show-down described in the Book of Revelation. However it is more than likely just a prelude to that dreadful series of events. The global peace initiative will probably be spearheaded by a man who is judged universally to possess unusual personal attributes. His role in restoring stability, as well as the remarkable miracles that he allegedly performs, will convince many that he is the most charismatic, most saintly person on earth, possibly even the Messiah of Christianity and Judaism, the Maitreya of Buddhism or the Imam Mahdi of Shia Islam.

The great charade may even be reinforced by (manmade) signs in the sky, an armada of (manmade) UFOs, and even a cadre of exotic transgenic animals and humanoids. All of these elements will be designed to convince the masses of humanity that a delegation of wise and benevolent beings has come from another star system to ‘save’ us.

When the so-called Messiah/Maitreya signs a seven-year peace treaty with Israel it ought to be obvious to Christians everywhere that he is actually the false Christ, or Antichrist, described in the Book of Revelation.



The Illuminati Mindset

Sometimes people ask, How can any normal person think like these people? But they are not normal. Their whole view of the world is utterly different from ours. They are not crazy or deranged. In fact, they prize rationality much more than the average person.

Many of them appear to justify their radical plan on the following basis:

The world’s population is expanding at an unsustainable rate. If it is not tightly controlled, the planet will collapse into chaos. As far as systems of government are concerned, democracy has been tried and proven useless. Citizens simply vote into power the party most likely to give them something for nothing. The only way to contain this increasingly dangerous situation – population explosion and ever-expanding government debt – is to put power exclusively in the hands of those who really know how to govern. They will reduce the population to a sustainable level, provide stable government and end the countless wars that arise from national, ethnic and religious strife.

In their view, if extreme measures are needed to bring about this 'sustainable' situation, then they must be administered. If millions must die in a brief cataclysm so that a much larger number may be saved in the long run, then such action is necessary. In their own eyes, the Illuminati are not brutes but supreme realists, acting in accord with universal moral laws.

In light of this plan and their overall philosophy, we can see that the Illuminati mindset is shaped largely by the following principles:

- the end justifies the means;
- the strong are morally entitled to rule;
- the weak are spiritually deficient and therefore expendable;
- the strong will conceal their identity until they are ready to take over;
- all values other than those of the Illuminati are false;
- survival and prosperity depend on total control;
- there is no absolute right or wrong outside of human will;
- their ways may seem harsh but they are realistic and necessary.

No understanding of the Illuminati mindset is complete without a recognition that it is ALL based in the occult. The rationale and driving force behind Illuminism is the fallen angel known as Lucifer. He has the power to grant considerable wealth and prestige to those who pledge their allegiance to his cause and to imbue them supernaturally with intense pleasure when they serve him well. (It is this initial burst of ecstatic pleasure which lures many into the dark depths of the occult in the first place.)

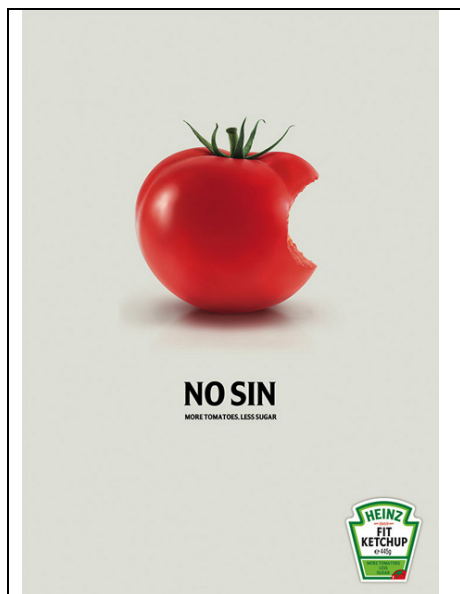
We know that the Illuminati are not motivated primarily by greed because they already have more money than they could ever use in their lifetime. For them the real thrill is power, the perverse satisfaction they get from exercising more and more control over their fellow man. This is such a potent narcotic that they crave it more than any junkie could ever crave cocaine.

So, if you have difficulty accepting that any group of people, however selfish and base, could pursue an elaborate long-term plan to achieve world domination, then just remember that they are all addicts – and their drug is power. They get such an ecstatic, intoxicating high from this drug that they must have more and more of it. The withdrawal symptoms are so severe that they can never relax their exertions, never moderate their plans to accommodate more humane alternatives, never allow for the possibility that they may be wrong. This is the whole basis for their single-minded determination, their unflagging commitment to a goal which to any normal person is vile and perverse.

The Moral Code of the Illuminati

As strange as it may seem, the Illuminati have a moral code. Since Lucifer tries to imitate everything that the LORD God does, he pretends to operate a system of 'fair play.' One must infer these rules or principles from occult philosophy and from the way the Illuminati have conducted their campaign to date. I suspect this list is far from complete but it gives a flavour of the way they think and what we can expect in the near future:

1. Before you destroy your enemy, you must tell him what you are going to do to him.
2. Revenge is not just pleasurable, it is necessary.
3. Everything in the Force must balance. Therefore all negative acts must be matched by positive ones.
4. The strong are morally obliged to exploit the weak for a greater purpose.
5. Only power is real. Love and compassion are simply illusions to comfort the weak.
6. Every action has the right time and place in the cosmic order.
7. Sacrifices are necessary for the greater good.
8. The end justifies the means.

	<p>The Illuminati like to quietly advertise their philosophy, especially if in doing so they blaspheme the Bible.</p> <p>This Heinz ketchup ad mocks the sin committed by Eve.</p> <p>Apple, the American computer company, uses a very similar image to deliver exactly the same message.</p>
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In accordance with principle #1, the Illuminati have been telling the world for some time what they are planning to do. Different aspects of their plan are revealed through movies, books, television series, and even ads for commercial products (See the *Jack Daniels* and *Absolut* ads above). Lindsey Williams was told by his Illuminati informant in October 2009 that several Hollywood movies over the next two years would anticipate coming events in a most startling way (See the link on p.15 below to view his 3-hour interview on YouTube – NOT to be missed).

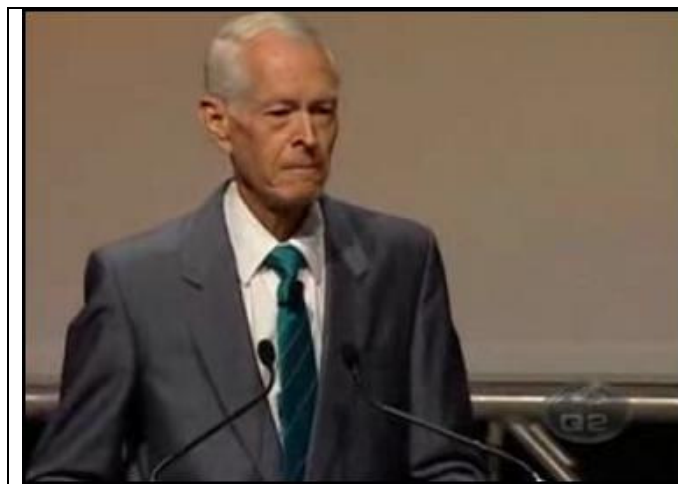
Principle #3, regarding cosmic balance, will explain why the ultra-rich make a point of donating very large sums of money to philanthropic causes. Such 'positive' deeds are believed to cancel out or balance their 'negative' ones.

Principle #6, regarding the timing of events, is based on their belief in astrology and cosmic mechanics. In their philosophy, the right action can be negated if it is carried out on the wrong day. This is why they like to initiate major events on days of occult significance.

Are the Illuminati a Zionist or Jewish Conspiracy?

Satan uses whomever he can to advance his cause. The Illuminati today are not a Jewish cartel, though many of their most influential members are ethnically Jewish. The core of the Illuminati appears to comprise the wealthiest members of the Anglo-American Establishment, certain European royal families and a number of Jewish banking dynasties.

The infamous *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion* were not a forgery, but neither were they strictly Zionist. One has only to consider global developments since they were published in 1905 to see how closely they reflect the awful strategy defined in the *Protocols*. Some commentators believe the strategy is revised slightly in each generation to reflect changing world conditions. The ‘cattle’ or *goyim* to which they refer are not gentiles *per se* but the masses of humanity, including ‘ordinary’ Jews, who are despised by the Illuminati



Lindsey Williams

See his YouTube presentation on the Illuminati plan for 2010 - 2011 (which was recorded on 1 October 2009).

[Link below]

How Lucifer has duped the Illuminati

For such clever people – and many of them are *extremely* clever – it is extraordinary how blind the Illuminati are to the folly of their entire enterprise. Everything they are doing rests completely on their belief that their god, Lucifer, will honour his side of the bargain and give them a great reward in the next life (Yes, they believe in life after death, whether in a kingdom given to them by Lucifer or as a soul reincarnated into an Illuminati family here on earth). The reality, however, is that Lucifer despises them just as much as he despises all other humans. Since we are made in the image and likeness of God, Lucifer is unable to withhold his hatred from any person, even those who serve him best. Once they have completed their mission here on earth, they will face judgment by Christ. Thereafter they will live with Satan in his domain – as they had always wanted – only to learn firsthand how sadistic, bitter and malicious the Great Deceiver really is.

The LORD God is All-Powerful

Nothing can happen here on earth (or in heaven) unless God permits it. Natural man is fallen, alienated from God by his rejection of God's authority. As a result he has pursued a course which, steeped in self-interest, leaves him fatally exposed to the lure of Satan. The LORD does not wish man to be lost forever, but man himself resists the gift that God offers – salvation through the death and blood of His Son.

The coming trauma is nothing less than a Judgment from the LORD. The US will be particularly affected since it has utterly betrayed the doctrine of Christ. Over 40 million children have been 'legally' murdered in the womb in the US since 1973. Millions of Americans are hooked on pornography, promiscuity, drugs, alcohol, gambling and self-indulgence of every kind. Most have no idea what righteousness is or what the LORD expects of them. The 'something for nothing' mentality which pervades all levels of society is a spiritual disease. Countless numbers of Americans worship the false gods of the New Age and millions are practitioners of magic and the occult in one form or another. Most so-called Christian churches have long departed from the true gospel of Christ and teach instead a hollow, feel-good message which is leading no-one to repentance.

If you have not already accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, then please think seriously about doing so. None of the pagan religions have the power to save you since they all operate under the power of Lucifer. He can appear as an Angel of Light, and has done so many times to lure the founders of religions, sects and cults into accepting him as the one true god. (I was 33 years in the New Age before I was saved, so I know what I'm talking about!)

If you are caught in the occult and unable to pull free, you can call on Jesus Christ to save you. He has that power. He can free you from the demonic bondage that is destroying your life and pulling you inexorably into the pit.

And if you are a Catholic, a Mormon, or in another so-called Christian religion which is based on idolatry, then please recognise that these too are controlled by Satan. Few Catholics have a relationship with Christ for, if they had, they would never dream of praying to a goddess or to the souls of the dead. One must pray to GOD and ONLY to GOD.

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Please take the time to watch the 3-hour interview with Lindsey Williams on YouTube. It gives a remarkable insight into the events that are now unfolding:-

Video Presentation by Lindsey Williams

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dC8HG8b0CU>

Please note that it is divided into 21 segments of 10 minutes each. The first 6 are entitled 'Tragedy', the next 7 'Hope' and the last 8 'Reality.'

Lindsey Williams is a born-again Christian pastor who worked for about three years in the early 70s with a group of people who happened to be Illuminati insiders. Two of them have maintained contact with him over the years and one in particular seems to be prepared to reveal privileged information, presumably on the basis that no-one will believe it. The presentation relates in particular to the Illuminati plan for 2010-2011.

Photos on pages 1-3

(from top, left to right):

Henry Kissinger, Zbigniew Brzezinski, David Rockefeller,
Hank Greenberg, Alan Greenspan, Paul Volcker, George
Bush Senior, Hilary Clinton, Dominique Strauss-Kahn,
Madeleine Albright, Peter Mandelson, George Soros.

How many of these people belong to the Illuminati?

**Jeremy James
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Selected Reading

Gary Allen	None Dare Call It Conspiracy
Alice Bailey	The Externalisation of the Hierarchy
W Guy Carr	Pawns in the Game
	The Red Fog Over America
Piers Compton	The Broken Cross
William Cooper	Behold a Pale Horse
G Edward Griffin	The Creature from Jekyll Island
Bill Hughes	The Secret Terrorists
Gary Kah	En Route to Global Occupation
David Livingstone	Terrorism and the Illuminati
Edith Starr Miller	Occult Theocracy
Stanley Monteith	The Brotherhood of Darkness
Eric Phelps	Vatican Assassins
Carroll Quigley	The Anglo-American Establishment
	Tragedy and Hope
Fritz Springmeier	Be Wise As Serpents
	Bloodlines of the Illuminati
	The Watchtower and the Masons
Antony Sutton	America's Secret Establishment
	Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution
	Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler

Proof of a Conspiracy – Globalists Speak Openly about their Deadly Agenda

by Jeremy James

Ye that love the LORD, hate evil
Proverbs 97:10

Many dismiss those who believe in a global conspiracy as cranks and fools. And yet evidence that such a conspiracy exists is fairly easy to establish.

One definition of *conspiracy* reads as follows: ‘A secret agreement between two or more people to perform an unlawful act.’

That is okay as far as it goes, but it does not even begin to capture the breadth and scope of the Globalist agenda. Once you define it correctly, it starts to look less like a conspiracy and more like a business plan – which is exactly what it is:

A secret agreement by a number of super-rich elite families to increase their wealth and power on the world stage by covert means, with a view ultimately to impose a unified world government under their control, and to employ a range of subversive techniques and programs in diverse fields – political, financial, economic, military, industrial, medical, educational, religious, and media-related, among others – to achieve this objective.

These super-rich families and those who support them are known by various names, including the Power Elite, the Ruling Elite, the cabal of International Bankers, the Illuminati, the Globalists, and the Black Nobility. One can even think of them as the Trillionaires Club.

It is in essence an agreement among like-minded people who are seeking to establish a global monopoly on the commodity they value more than any other – Power.

Given human nature and its dismal record of murder and corruption, it would be truly astonishing if a group of this kind did not exist!

The question we should be asking

So, instead of asking ‘Does a global conspiracy exist?’ we should really be asking, ‘What are these power-obsessed, ultra-wealthy people actually planning to do and what are the likely consequences for the rest of humanity?’

The following published quotations by members of the Global Elite should go a long way toward dispelling any doubts you may have about their existence. They should also shed considerable light on their mindset, their methodology, their contempt for humanity, and the remarkably sophisticated nature of their plan to destroy the sovereignty of independent nations and create a New World Order.

They are so arrogant and so confident of success that, from time to time, some of their more outspoken members divulge just a little too much information about their intentions.

The United States is the principal target

If you are living in the United States you need to be especially concerned about the Global Elite since the last major obstacle to a One World Government is the US itself. As a sovereign independent nation, and the foremost player in world affairs, with a long tradition of liberty and democracy, it cannot be allowed to continue in its existing form. The Globalists have long planned to weaken it fatally – a process which is now at a very advanced stage – and destroy its sovereignty. A totalitarian regime of some kind is scheduled to take over, possibly on foot of an engineered national crisis, and abolish the Constitution. The America that has existed since 1776 will then disappear forever.

Please consider the evidence for yourself. More than forty percent of your industrial base has been ‘off-shored’, with most of it given lock-stock-and-barrel to a Marxist-Leninist regime known as China. Using a host of deceitful practices in the banking system, successive governments have left the country saddled with such staggering levels of debt – at household, corporate, state and federal level, not to mention massive unfunded liabilities such as social security, Medicaid and Medicare – that there is not the slightest chance that even a fraction of it can be paid down from future taxation without destroying the economy. In fact it is so great, and growing at such an alarming rate, that your great nation will very shortly be unable even to *service* its debt (i.e. keep up its interest payments to foreign and domestic lenders). Industrial employment across the US as a whole has been radically reduced and most of the jobs that remain are in the low-paying, insecure services sector. The erosion of your civil liberties since 9/11 has been so severe that any law-abiding American can now be picked up and incarcerated indefinitely by his government on vaguely-worded security-related charges – against which he or she has absolutely no defense.

‘It can’t happen here!’ you say. Really? The following quotations prove otherwise. Not only has it been happening but the pace of decay is now such that a major economic collapse in the next 2-3 years is virtually inevitable.

Please take this warning seriously and do what you can to protect yourself and your family.

If, after you have had a chance to study it, you find this paper has convinced you, then please share it with your friends and those you care about.

[All quotations have been checked against other sources to ensure they were not taken out of context or slanted in any way that might distort the author's intentions. The reader should be able to locate and verify many of them on the Internet.]

A major admission by the Globalists in 2009

We should start with an astonishing admission by the Globalists in 2009. It can actually be found on the official website of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), which is one of the main institutions that secretly run the United States:

"Thank you for that wonderful tribute to Henry Kissinger yesterday. Congratulations. As the most recent National Security Advisor of the United States, I take my daily orders from Dr. Kissinger, filtered down through General Brent Scowcroft and Sandy Berger, who is also here. We have a chain of command in the National Security Council that exists today."

Remarks by the US National Security Adviser, James L Jones at the 45th Munich Conference on Security Policy, Hotel Bayerischer, February 8, 2009.

This is probably the most public and most brazen confirmation to date by the Globalist Elite that they control the US government. James Jones has been appointed through the democratic process approved by Congress, but here he is stating categorically that he takes his orders daily from Henry Kissinger via two other unelected individuals, Brent Scowcroft and Sandy Berger. Kissinger is a well known globalist mouthpiece for David Rockefeller. Many regard him as the author of several brutal wars and genocidal campaigns. He has been given no mandate whatever by the American people, and yet, as Jones confirms, he has direct control over US national security.

This admission by the CFR should be a matter of great concern to all Americans.

German Chancellor explains how a Global Elite controls everything

Let's turn now to Helmut Schmidt who was German Chancellor (Prime Minister) for 8 years (1974-1982). In his memoirs, *Men and Powers* (Random House, 1987), he wrote that American foreign policy is decided by two groups:

The Establishment and the Council on Foreign Relations

"One was a large number of outstanding career diplomats and career officials in high positions, who provided continuity; the other was a large reservoir of discerning private persons, who were committed to foreign affairs and who had already served earlier administrations. This reservoir, earlier frequently called "the establishment," had both its forum and its center in the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. Its members were lawyers, bankers, some industrialists, and academics. The council published (and still publishes) the excellent periodical *Foreign Affairs*...

“The Council on Foreign Relations successfully drew carefully chosen young people into its discussions and prepared them at first for modest tasks; in the course of their careers they often took on top-level missions in the State Department, the Pentagon, the White House, or other centers of international policy – from trade agreements to disarmament...The foreign policy elite, which had very silent but effective ways of seeing to its own succession, was thus largely a matter of the East Coast.” [pages 221-222]

He then went on to describe two other organisations which sceptics often dismiss as paper tigers invented by conspiracy theorists:

Bilderberg Group

“...I gratefully recall the yearly so-called Bilderberg conferences that Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands organized and ran, and the yearly meetings of the London Institute for Strategic Studies under the leadership of Alistair Buchan. Some of the United States senators active in foreign affairs...always participated in these two-to-three day international conferences. Conversations with Dean Acheson, George Kennan, and Paul Nitze, which might occur during such meetings, were a treasure trove of information and enlightenment...We were not surprised whenever, a few years later, one or another of the men we had had such good conversations with reappeared as a cabinet member or deputy secretary or head of department; in such cases we could safely assume that the man’s views were the same ones he had espoused in our earlier talks.” [pages 222-223]

Bohemian Grove

“In July 1979, during one of these visits to California, George Schultz invited me to be his guest in Bohemian Grove during the traditional yearly summer encampment. This weekend gave me one of the most astounding experiences I ever had in the United States. Later I went to Bohemian Grove a second time, and my impressions intensified...Even more interesting is the camaraderie among the men (women are barred) who meet in Bohemian Grove, which got its name from the exclusive Bohemian Club in San Francisco, where there is a long waiting list for membership. The encampment in the grove is not a large common camp; the two thousand or so men who spend the weekend together live in five or six dozen small camps, almost entirely concealed by trees and bushes, scattered along the hillside...

“This weekend allowed me an illustrative glimpse of America’s elite. The politicians who were present were, for the most part, guests of one or another of the club members...These meetings bring together not only the west, south, and east of the United States, but also the various political groups within American society.” [pages 225-227]

His description of activities at the Bohemian Grove has a distinctly sexual undertone. What else could have given him “one of the most astounding experiences I ever had in the United States”?

He then confirms the existence of an unelected power elite who ‘advise’ (i.e. control) the elected politicians:

Unelected Politicians

“...a class of professional intellectual politicians who never run for office but offer their services to the elected politicians and the candidates – at times even force them on them – as expert advisers and executive officers. They are supported by various institutions, where they work whenever they are not in government service.” [page 227]

Schmidt proceeds to name some of these institutions – the Brookings Institution, the American Enterprise Institute, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Georgetown Center for Strategy and International Studies, the Hoover Institute, the Heritage Foundation, and the Rand Corporation.

In the course of his review of American power brokers [pages 221-227], Schmidt names several of these unelected “professional intellectual politicians,” including some who are still in power today, nearly forty years later – David Rockefeller, Henry Kissinger, and Zbigniew Brzezinski.

The Incredible Unseen Influence of David Rockefeller

James Jones may answer to Henry Kissinger, but Kissinger in turn answers to David Rockefeller. In the following published quotations, Rockefeller makes no attempt to hide his globalist agenda, his Marxist beliefs, or his evident willingness to destroy the sovereignty of the United States:

“For more than a century, ideological extremists at either end of the political spectrum have seized upon well-publicized incidents...to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure – one world, if you will. If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.”

David Rockefeller, *Memoirs*, Random House, 2002

“Now, as the United Nations approaches its 50th anniversary, business support for the numerous internationally related problems in which it is involved has never been more urgently needed...With the dissolution of the Soviet Union, the opportunity for enlightened American leadership is, perhaps, even greater than it was in 1939, at the beginning of the Second World War, or in 1945 when the Cold War began. But this present 'window of opportunity,' during which a truly peaceful and interdependent World Order might be built, will not be open for long...”

“We are on the verge of a global transformation. All we need is the right major crisis and the nations will accept the New World Order.”

David Rockefeller, Address to the 28th Annual United Nations Ambassador Dinner, September 14, 1994, as quoted in the Business Council for the United Nations Briefing, Vol. 8, Issue 2, Winter 1995, p.1

“One is impressed immediately by the sense of national harmony...there is [a] very real and pervasive dedication to Chairman Mao and Maoist principles. Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering high morale and community of purpose...The enormous social advances of China have benefited greatly from the singleness of ideology and purpose...The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao's leadership is one of the most important and successful in human history.”

David Rockefeller, from an article in the New York Times, August 10th, 1973, entitled, *From a China Traveler* (at which time Rockefeller was chairman of the board of Chase Manhattan Bank)

“We are grateful to *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, *Time Magazine* and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. But, the work is now much more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries.”

David Rockefeller, in an address to a meeting of the Bilderberg Group, Baden Baden, Germany, June 5, 1991.

Note how far-reaching his ambitions are – the imposition of world government, the replacement of “auto-determination” (democracy) by an elite group of intellectuals and world bankers, and the use of a “right major crisis” to force the nations of the world into submission. He even admits to being part of a secret cabal to bring this about.

Another leading member of this secret cabal is Zbigniew Brzezinski, who served as US National Security Adviser to President Carter and as special adviser on foreign policy to Barack Obama during his Presidential election campaign. Like Rockefeller, he too believes in the totalitarian doctrines of Marxism and in the need to eliminate democracy if full “imperial mobilization” and “military intimidation” – the path to world government – are to be unleashed:

“This is why Marxism represents a further vital and creative stage in the maturing of man's universal vision. Marxism is simultaneously a victory of the external, active man over the inner, passive man and a victory of reason over belief...Marxism, disseminated on the popular level in the form of communism, represented a major advance in man's ability to conceptualize his relationship to his world.”

Zbigniew Brzezinski, *Between Two Ages*, Viking Press, 1970, pps 34 and 37

“It is also a fact that America is too democratic at home to be autocratic abroad. This limits the use of America's power, especially its capacity for military intimidation. Never before has a populist democracy attained international supremacy. But the pursuit of power is not a goal that commands popular passion, except in conditions of a sudden threat or challenge to the public's sense of domestic well-being. The economic self-denial (that is, defense spending) and the human sacrifice (casualties, even among professional soldiers) required in the effort are uncongenial to democratic instincts. Democracy is inimical to imperial mobilization.”

Zbigniew Brzezinski, *The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives*, Basic Books, 1998, p.35

If you are tempted to think the Globalist aims of this “secret cabal” are not actually being implemented on the world stage by their political puppets, then please consider the boast by Madeleine Albright at a major public function in 1997, when she was serving as US Secretary of State:

“Today, there is no Stalin to give orders. If a nation is isolated from the international community now, it is either because the country is simply too weak to meet international standards, or because its leaders have chosen willfully to disregard those standards. Last week in the Netherlands, President Clinton said that no democratic nation in Europe would be left out of the transatlantic community. Today I say that no nation in the world need be left out of the global system we are constructing.”

Madeleine Albright, U.S. Secretary of State, Harvard University Commencement Address, Massachusetts, June 5, 1997

Some courageous attempts to sound a warning

A few elected representatives have tried to warn of the dangers posed by the Globalists, but with little success. Unless the mainstream media highlight their words, they pass largely unnoticed by the vast majority of people. For example, the United Nations and the Trilateral Commission were set up specifically to promote the goal of Globalism and dilute the sovereignty of independent nations, yet warnings by people of the stature of Senator Barry Goldwater – who was the Republican Presidential nominee in 1964 – received very little popular attention:

“The time has come to recognize the United Nations for the anti-American, anti-freedom organization that it has become. The time has come for us to cut off all financial help, withdraw as a member, and ask the United Nations to find headquarters location outside the United States that is more in keeping with the philosophy of the majority of voting members, someplace like Moscow or Peking.”

Senator Barry Goldwater, the Congressional Record, 1971

“The Trilateral Commission is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests by seizing control of the political government of the United States. The Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power political, monetary, intellectual and ecclesiastical. What the Trilateral Commission intends is to create a worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the nationstates involved. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future.”

Senator Barry Goldwater in his 1979 book, *With No Apologies*

From time to time a politician does emerge whose words of warning reach the mainstream media or who manages in some manner to cause problems for the Globalists. When this happens, they often meet with an untimely end. For example, even allowing for their above-average number of air miles, an unusual number of Senators, Congressmen and State Governors have died in airplane accidents (By my reckoning, more than 30 in the period 1950-2000, compared to 1 in 20,000 for the population as a whole). A notable member of this unfortunate group was Congressman Larry McDonald, a very vocal critic of the Globalists and their disturbing agenda:

“And to my knowledge, not one has dared reveal the most vital part of the Rockefeller story: that the Rockefellers and their allies have, for at least fifty years, been carefully following a plan to use their economic power to gain political control of first America, and then the rest of the world.

“Do I mean conspiracy? Yes, I do.

“I am convinced there is such a plot, international in scope, generations old in planning, and incredibly evil in intent. You will find the truth-often surprising, sometimes unpleasant, always vital-in the pages that follow. Gary Allen has done a masterful job of combining the hundreds of scattered facts and hidden clues of the Rockefeller puzzle until one unmistakable pattern emerges. The picture that is revealed when The Rockefeller File is finally opened may shock you. In this book, you will learn why the Rockefellers follow the policies they do, what their goals are, where they intend to take America...and why it is essential they be stopped.”

Congressman Lawrence P McDonald, from his Introduction to *The Rockefeller File* by Gary Allen, 1976

Congressman McDonald was killed when the Soviet Union inexplicably shot down the large passenger plane in which he was travelling on September 1, 1983.

“There is a real question in my mind that the Soviets may have actually murdered 269 passengers and crew on the Korean Air Lines Flight 007 in order to kill Larry McDonald.” – Jerry Falwell, *The Washington Post*, September 2, 1983.

Georgetown Professor reveals too much

The Globalists made a remarkable, if accidental, disclosure of their longterm program in 1966 with the publication of a major academic work by an historian at Georgetown University, Professor Carroll Quigley. In his massive volume, over 1200 pages in length, Professor Quigley revealed for the first time the way leading figures in the British and American Establishment have conspired together for decades to create a global empire, of greater power and scope than any in history. Here are some telling excerpts:

“There does exist and has existed for a generation, an international Anglophile network which operates to some extent in the way the Radical Right believes the Communists act. In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to co-operating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so. I know of the operations of this network because I have studied it for twenty years and was permitted for two years, in the early 1960s, to examine its papers and secret records. I have no aversion to it or to most of its aims and have, for much of my life, been close to it and to many of its instruments. I have objected, both in the past and recently, to a few of its policies but in general my chief difference of opinion is that it wishes to remain unknown, and I believe its role in history is significant enough to be known.”

Professor Carroll Quigley, *Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Time*, Macmillan and Co, New York, 1966

...the powers of financial capitalism had another far-reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole. This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences. The apex of the system was to be the Bank for International Settlements in Basle, Switzerland, a private bank owned and controlled by the world's central banks which were themselves private corporations. Each central bank...sought to dominate its government by its ability to control Treasury loans, to manipulate foreign exchanges, to influence the level of economic activity in the country, and to influence cooperative politicians by subsequent economic rewards in the business world.

Professor Carroll Quigley, *Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Time*, Macmillan and Co, New York, 1966

He also cites a famous remark by Walter Rathenau, a former Foreign Minister of Germany:

“...a relatively small number of bankers were in positions of immense influence in European and American economic life. As early as 1909, Walter Rathenau, who was in a position to know (since he had inherited from his father control of the German General Electric Company and held scores of directorships himself), said, "Three hundred men, all of whom know one another, direct the economic destiny of Europe and choose their successors from among themselves.””

Professor Carroll Quigley, *Tragedy and Hope: A History of the World in Our Time*, Macmillan and Co, New York, 1966

Quigley, who taught the future president Bill Clinton during his student days, was fairly candid about the forces that shaped the past but was careful not to reveal too much information about the continued existence and covert operations of the same secret cabal. However, further insights were given by a number of former insiders, people who had worked closely with the Globalists initially but who came to realize how sinister their agenda really was.

Insiders who rebelled against the New World Order

One of these rare individuals was Admiral Chester Ward who served as Judge Advocate General for the US Navy from 1956 to 1960 and who was a member of the Council on Foreign Relations for about 16 years:

“Once the ruling members of the CFR have decided that the U.S. Government should adopt a particular policy, the very substantial research facilities of CFR are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy, and to confound and discredit, intellectually and politically, any opposition.”

Admiral Chester Ward, *Kissinger on the Couch*, Arlington House, 1974, p. 151

“[The CFR goal is] submergence of U.S. sovereignty and national independence into an all-powerful one world government...[the] lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership...In the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as ‘America First’”

Admiral Chester Ward, *Kissinger on the Couch*, Arlington House, 1974, pps. 144-150

Ward knew what he was talking about. The power of the CFR is well illustrated by the extraordinary number of top government positions that have been filled by its members – 7 Presidents, 7 Vice Presidents, 17 Secretaries of State, 19 Secretaries of Defense, 17 Secretaries of the Treasury, and 14 Directors of the CIA (See **Appendix A** below).

The former US Ambassador to Cuba, Earle T Smith, published a letter in the New York Times in 1979 which completely overturned the official account of the Communist revolution in that country in 1959 and the subsequent innocuous attempts to reclaim the island:

“Castro could not have seized power in Cuba without the aid of the United States. American Government agencies and the United States press played a major role in bringing Castro to power. As the US Ambassador to Cuba during the Castro-Communist revolution of 1957-59, I had first-hand knowledge of the facts which brought about the rise of Fidel Castro. The State Department consistently intervened – positively, negatively, and by innuendo – to bring about the downfall of President Fulgencio Batista, thereby making it possible for Fidel Castro to take over the Government of Cuba. On January 1, 1959, the government of Cuba fell. The United States continued to aid the Castro regime by maintaining the long-standing subsidy for Cuban sugar exports”

Earle T Smith, former US Ambassador to Cuba, from a letter published in the New York Times, September 26, 1979, p. A-24 (Quoted in *The Unseen Hand* by Ralph Epperson, 1994)

This account, which carries great credibility, is fully consistent with the extraordinarily tame efforts made thereafter to ‘get rid’ of Castro (How could a super-power fail to remove a small gang of rebels at its door-step?). It also casts doubt over the legitimacy of the so-called Cuban missile crisis.

Another credible insider was Dr Johannes Koepl, former official adviser to a NATO Secretary General:

“The interests behind the Bush Administration, such as the Council on Foreign Relations, The Trilateral Commission – founded by Brzezinski for David Rockefeller – and the Bilderberger Group, have prepared for and are now moving to implement open world dictatorship within the next five years. They are not fighting against terrorists. They are fighting against citizens.”

Dr Johannes B. Koepl, former German Defence Ministry official and adviser to former NATO Secretary General, Manfred Werner, in an interview, November 6, 2001.

Koepl was seconded from the German defense ministry to NATO in the late 1970s and met with Brzezinski in the White House on more than one occasion. His other Washington contacts included Steve Larabee from the CFR, John J. McCloy, former CIA Director, economist Milton Friedman, and officials from Carter's Office of Management and Budget. He also made a presentation at a Bilderberger conference and numerous presentations to subgroups of the Trilateral Commission. He later had serious misgivings about the Globalist agenda and actually went public to express his concerns.

His warning that a world dictatorship could be in place by 2006 reflects the advanced state of the Globalist program as seen by someone with firsthand experience of its progress and methodology.

Another highly placed insider, Fletcher Prouty, gave a damning account of the Globalists in his detailed critique, *The Secret Team*, which was published in 1972. A former Colonel in the US Air Force, he served as a liaison officer between the CIA and the Pentagon between 1955 and 1963.

He confirmed the continued existence of

“...an international High Cabal...especially in these times of the One World Order. This all-powerful group has remained superior because it had learned the value of anonymity. For them, the Secret Team and its professionals operate...The Secret Team being described herein consists of security cleared individuals in and out of government who receive secret intelligence data gathered by the CIA and the National Security Agency (NSA) and who react to those data, when it seems appropriate to them, with paramilitary plans and activities, e.g. training and "advising" – a not exactly impenetrable euphemism for such things as leading into battle and actual combat...The power of the Team derives from its vast intra-governmental undercover infrastructure and its direct relationship with great private industries, mutual funds and investment houses, universities, and the news media, including foreign and domestic publishing houses. The Secret Team has very close affiliations with elements of power in more than three-score foreign countries and is able when it chooses to topple governments, to create governments, and to influence governments almost anywhere in the world.”

Colonel Fletcher Prouty, *The Secret Team*, 1972

One of the most interesting former insiders was Dr Bella Dodd, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of America (CPUSA) in the 1930s and 1940s. A dedicated communist, she gradually came to see that Communism was “in reality a device to control the ‘common man’” (from p.228 of her book, *School of Darkness* (1954)).

Ralph Epperson wrote:

“One Communist Party member, Dr Bella Dodd, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party of the United States, apparently decided that there was indeed a connection between wealthy "capitalists" and the Party. She noticed that every time the National Committee couldn't reach a decision, one of their members would leave, go to the Waldorf Towers in New York City, and meet with a particular individual, later identified as Arthur Goldsmith. Dr. Dodd observed that every time Mr. Goldsmith made a decision, it was later confirmed by the Communist Party in Moscow. But what truly amazed Dr Dodd was that Mr Goldsmith was not only a member of the Communist Party, but an extremely wealthy American ‘capitalist.’” (*The Unseen Hand*, 1994)

Why the Globalists are prepared to kill millions of people

It should be obvious by now that the Globalists have an exceptionally ambitious plan, namely to impose a centralised form of government on the planet as a whole. This is fully consistent with the world political situation prophesied in the Book of Revelation, which envisages the formation of ten regional authorities across the globe and the subsequent emergence of one all-powerful world ruler.

The Globalists brought about two World Wars to advance their agenda. The First broke up the old empires of Europe and the Middle East, while the Second laid the foundation for the European Union, NATO, the United Nations, and the consolidation of two vast Communist regimes – the USSR and China. For purposes of our analysis, the key point to note is that, together, these two devastating wars resulted in the cruel and violent deaths of over 75 million people.

Both were extended for as long as possible for maximum effect, with the international financiers – the Globalists – providing funding and weaponry to both sides. All the indications are that they intend to initiate another World War sometime in the next few years in order to lift their Global agenda to the next level.

Human life means nothing to people who believe they are superior to the rest of humanity. Over the past two centuries they have developed a ‘scientific’ philosophy which in their eyes justifies the elimination of large swathes of humanity, the inferior stock who, from an evolutionary standpoint, deserve to be eliminated.

Most of this philosophy was developed in Britain and exported to the US and Germany. It continued to spread and expand until today it permeates the Globalist mindset. They are convinced that, left to its own devices, the world’s population would grow to the point where the very survival of humanity would be under threat. Inferior human stock is breeding exponentially and must be restrained. The only way to do this, and prevent the destruction of the world’s limited resources, is through mass murder and sterilization.

If this seems utterly improbable, think again. Some of the most respected intellectuals in British society in the last century were vocal proponents of this view. Consider, for example, the following remark by H G Wells:

“And for the rest, those swarms of black, and brown, and dirty-white, and yellow people, who do not come into the new needs of efficiency ? Well, the world is a world, not a charitable institution, and I take it they will have to go. The whole tenor and meaning of the world, as I see it, is that they have to go. So far as they fail to develop sane, vigorous, and distinctive personalities for the great world of the future, it is their portion to die out and disappear.”

H G Wells, *Anticipations of the Reaction of Mechanical and Scientific Progress Upon Human Life and Thought*, 1902 (p.317)

Note that this opinion was expressed in one of Wells' non-fiction works. The racism behind it is truly astonishing – no high profile public figure today would dare express such an opinion. But the Globalists were more open about their intentions a hundred years ago. Today they are much more careful about how they present their philosophy.

Now and then, however, one of their members reveals just a little too much. One of these was Sir Julian Huxley, the first Director-General of UNESCO:

“At the moment, it is probable that the indirect effect of civilisation is dysgenic instead of eugenic; and in any case it seems likely that the dead weight of genetic stupidity, physical weakness, mental instability, and disease-proneness, which already exist in the human species, will prove too great a burden for real progress to be achieved. Thus even though it is quite true that any radical eugenic policy will be for many years politically and psychologically impossible, it will be important for UNESCO to see that the eugenic problem is examined with the greatest care, and that the public mind is informed of the issues at stake so that much that now is unthinkable may at least become thinkable...” [p.21]

“Still another and quite different type of borderline subject is that of eugenics. It has been on the borderline between the scientific and the unscientific, constantly in danger of becoming a pseudoscience based on preconceived political ideas or on assumptions of racial or class superiority and inferiority. It is, however, essential that eugenics should be brought entirely within the borders of science, for as already indicated, in the not very remote future the problem of improving the average quality of human beings is likely to become urgent; and this can only be accomplished by applying the findings of a truly scientific eugenics.” [pps.37-38]

Sir Julian Huxley, *UNESCO: Its Purpose and Its Philosophy* (1948)

Here we have a Globalist organization – UNESCO – promoting eugenics as a scientific solution to “the dead weight of genetic stupidity.” Note also that he is not talking about improving living standards among humanity but of “improving the average quality of human beings.” In other words, he wants to use eugenics as an “urgent” means of improving the quality of human stock.

What is more, they intend to execute this programme of eugenic cleansing with astonishing indifference to the suffering of their victims. Here is how Bertrand Russell, long revered by the British intellectual elite, expressed this callous Globalist attitude:

I do not pretend that birth control is the only way in which population can be kept from increasing. There are others, which, one must suppose, opponents of birth control would prefer. War, as I remarked a moment ago, has hitherto been disappointing in this respect, but perhaps bacteriological war may prove more effective. If a Black Death could be spread throughout the world once in every generation survivors could procreate freely without making the world too full. There would be nothing in this to offend the consciences of the devout or to restrain the ambitions of nationalists. The state of affairs might be somewhat unpleasant, but what of that? Really high-minded people are indifferent to happiness, especially other people's.

Bertrand Russell, *The Impact of Science on Society*, 1953, pps 103-104

Obviously men like Wells, Huxley and Russell must be guided in their thinking, at least to some degree, by a conceptual model of genetic purity and human excellence. In case you have not already guessed it, this 'model' of human genetic perfection is the upper-class Englishman. This perception permeated the British Establishment in the 19th century and spread to their Anglo-Saxon and Teutonic counterparts in the US and other western European countries. It was underpinned 'scientifically' by the work of Charles Darwin who consolidated the longstanding British conviction of their racial superiority in two classic works, *The Origin of Species* (1859) and *The Descent of Man* (1871). Neither work is remotely scientific by today's standards, but they had the merit of attacking Christianity, promoting atheism and, most important of all, justifying British imperial ambitions.

Few today read the actual texts, preferring instead to rely on modern re-statements of Darwinian ideas. But it is well worth one's while to go back to the original and see firsthand the depth of racism that informed them. The following give just a flavour of the racism underpinning *The Descent of Man*:

"At some future period, not very distant as measured by centuries, the civilized races of man will almost certainly exterminate and replace the savage races throughout the world. At the same time the anthropo-morphous apes...will no doubt be exterminated. The break between man and his nearest allies will then be wider, for it will intervene between man in a more civilised state, as we may hope, even than the Caucasian, and some ape as low as a baboon, instead of as now between the negro or Australian and the gorilla."

Charles Darwin, *The Descent of Man and Selection in Relation to Sex*, London, 1874 (p.178 of second edition; first edition published 1871)

Like most leading British intellectuals of his day, Darwin believed that the white European would eventually "exterminate" the "savage races" of the world. The extermination of the negro would mean that man's nearest relative would then be the lowly baboon.

If you have any doubts about the radical nature of the racism at work here, and its genocidal potential, just consider the following:

“If we look back to an extremely remote epoch, before man had arrived at the dignity of manhood, he would have been guided more by instinct and less by reason than are the lowest savages at the present time.” [p.52]

“With some savages, however, the foot has not altogether lost its prehensile power, as shown by their manner of climbing trees and of using them in other ways.” [p.58]

“Judging from the habits of savages and of the greater number of the Quadrumana [apes, monkeys, etc], primeval men, and even their ape-like progenitors, probably lived in society.” [p.70]

“With savages, the weak in body or mind are soon eliminated; and those that survive commonly exhibit a vigorous state of health. We civilized men, on the other hand, do our utmost to check the process of elimination; we build asylums for the imbecile, the maimed, and the sick; we institute poor-laws; and our medical men exert their utmost skill to save the life of every one to the last moment. There is reason to believe that vaccination has preserved thousands, who from a weak constitution would formerly have succumbed to small-pox. Thus the weak members of civilized societies propagate their kind. No one who has attended to the breeding of domestic animals will doubt that this must be highly injurious to the race of man. It is surprising how soon a want of care, or care wrongly directed, leads to the degeneration of a domestic race; but excepting in the case of man himself, hardly any one is so ignorant as to allow his worst animals to breed.” [p.151-152]

“The western nations of Europe, who now so immeasurably surpass their former savage progenitors and stand at the summit of civilization...” [p.160]

The sentiments expressed here by Darwin could hardly be plainer. Allowing these “savage” races to multiply is “highly injurious to the race of man.” Only an irresponsible livestock manager would allow the “worst animals to breed.” The implication is clear – the “immeasurably” superior Anglo-Saxon must take the necessary steps to ensure that this dreadful state of affairs is not allowed to continue.

The Descent of Man is peppered throughout with statements which portray negroes and “savage” races as degenerate, having more in common with animals than with Anglo-Saxon man. Here is how he describes one species of monkey:

“With some monkeys the beard is confined to the male, as in the orang; or is much larger in the male than in the female, as in the *Mycetes caraya* and *Pithecia satanas* (fig.68).



Fig. 68. *Pithecia satanas*, male

...The resemblance to a negro in miniature of *Pithecia satanas* with his jet-black skin, white rolling eyeballs and hair parted on the top of the head is almost ludicrous.” [p.607 and 690]

I regret having to include this tasteless piece of Darwinian propaganda, but it perfectly illustrates the deep vein of racism which permeates British atheism. What is more, it shows that this racism is of the most extreme kind and is bound to result in outcomes injurious to other ethnic groups, including eugenic cleansing programs. Exactly the same brand of extreme racism underpins the Globalist view that only an elite band of white European intellectuals should rule the world and that inferior human stock should be exterminated.

These depraved ideas have long held sway in British Establishment circles, and have been taught – usually covertly – in the leading British universities such as Oxford, Cambridge and the London School of Economics. They were in turn transmitted to the most influential centers of learning in the United States, including Harvard, Princeton and Yale, as well as the principal universities in Germany such as Heidelberg, Freiburg and Leipzig. The Nazi eugenics program, which was funded and encouraged by the Globalists, grew directly from this school of thought.

The Globalists recognize that many white Europeans will resist the New World Order and its program of ethnic cleansing. H G Wells makes it quite clear that all such resistance must be dealt with in summary fashion and “malcontents” eliminated:

“...when the struggle seems to be drifting definitely towards a world social democracy, there may still be very great delays and disappointments before it becomes an efficient and beneficent world system. Countless people...will hate the new world order...and will die protesting against it. When we attempt to evaluate its promise, we have to bear in mind the distress of a generation or so of malcontents, many of them quite gallant and graceful-looking people.”

H G Wells, *The New World Order* (1939)

The ‘Rich List’ Scam

Even where one accepts that this Globalist philosophy exists, it is legitimate to ask whether the people concerned have both the means and the opportunity to put it into effect. Again it is only necessary to look at the pattern set in the 20th century and ask why so many undesirable outcomes, every one of which has been set in motion by a small group of influential people, just happen to advance the Globalist agenda – extremely costly and highly destructive wars funded from the same source; the progressive creation of international bodies to dilute the power of sovereign states; the rampant spread of atheistic doctrines in science, philosophy and religion; the massive expansion of communism; the use of fiat currencies to impoverish the middle classes of developed economies; the staggering increase in the power of private international corporations; the high level of surveillance in so-called free societies; the development of a disturbing array of weapons – biological, chemical, nuclear, and genetically engineered – to intimidate and destroy; and the highly sophisticated use of popular media for propaganda purposes?

That’s all very well, you may argue, but all of this takes money, extraordinary amounts of money. What evidence is there that a small elite actually have the financial resources to execute such an elaborate plan? According to the *Forbes* rich list and similar lists published by other leading publications, the richest individuals in the world are worth no more than \$50 billion each, men like Bill Gates, Warren Buffett, Larry Ellison, Carlos Helu, Lakshmi Mittal, etc. But these lists are a total fraud. They omit the super rich, the small group of families in Europe and America whose wealth is simply prodigious.

The super rich in 1900 did not lose their wealth in the course of the 20th century. Perhaps a few stalled along the way, but most prospered to a dazzling degree. In his official biography of the Rothschild family, Frederic Morton reckoned that their total wealth was over \$6 billion in 1850 (*The Rothschilds: Portrait of a Dynasty*, 1962). Given that this was an authorised biography of a secretive family and that they would have no particular desire to exaggerate their wealth, this figure is probably on the conservative side. If we increase this wealth at an annual compound rate of between 5% and 6% – which is probably an underestimate, given their influence over the markets – then their wealth today is well in excess of €30 trillion, or twice America’s annual GDP.

Yet how many members of the Rothschild family feature on the Forbes rich list, or on any other rich list for that matter? Where are the Rockefellers, the Mellons, the Astors, the Vanderbelts, the Carnegies, the Cecils, the Cargills, the Bronfmans, the Du Ponts, the Harrimans, the Phipps, the Gettys, the Guggenheims, the Dawes, the Biddles, and dozens more in the US, Britain, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy and so forth? And what is the true wealth of the ancient royal families of Europe, whose combined stock and real estate holdings must run into the trillions?

Please consider these facts very carefully since they reveal a great deal about the true center of power in the world today. If we assume that the next ten families on the real rich list (*not* the one published by Forbes or Fortune Magazine) have been just as successful as the Rothschilds at expanding their own wealth over the last hundred years or so, then we could safely add another €30 trillion to the total wealth enjoyed by the world's ruling elite.

The published lists of the world's richest people are designed to conceal the identities of the truly wealthy, the all-powerful elite. After all, if you have wealth of this magnitude, you don't want the world to know about it. Bill Gates is a shoeshine boy beside the Rothschild family. The truth is that an elite set of ultra-rich families rule the greatest nations on earth. Their political influence operates with impunity on a global scale and is directed toward one overall objective, namely the creation of a centralised World Government controlled on their behalf by a chosen cadre of front men and puppets.

This goal cannot be achieved without the large-scale reconfiguration of the United States, which in turn requires its subjugation by political and economic forces beyond its control. For the past hundred years the noose has been tightening, particularly since the creation of the Federal Reserve in 1913, a privately owned monopoly on the issuance of **all** US dollars.

Presidential Executive Orders

A key figure in the Globalist agenda is the President of the United States.

The powers of the US President – who is nothing more than a pawn in the hands of the ruling elite – have been steadily enhanced in a covert manner, to the point where, in a state of national emergency, he can rule with absolute dictatorial authority.

Look at the evidence. Under a range of Executive Orders which have been signed into law during the past sixty years or so, without any input from Congress, successive Presidents have authorised the transference of extraordinary powers to their executive office during a state of national emergency. Most Americans are unaware of these powers or their extent. Neither are they aware that it is the President himself who decides whether or not a state of national emergency ought to be declared. Thus, at the stroke of a pen, Congress can be suspended and sweeping executive powers assumed by the President.

An attempt was made by a Senate Committee in 1973 to audit these powers and to raise awareness generally of their extent. The Foreword to that Committee's report, which was published on November 19, 1973, is given in **Appendix B** below. The joint Chairmen took the unusual step of issuing a statement on 30 September 1973, anticipating the ominous points made in their Foreword:

“The President has the power to seize property, organize and control the means of production, seize commodities, assign military forces abroad, call reserve forces amounting to 2½ million men to duty, institute martial law, seize and control all means of transportation, regulate all private enterprise, restrict travel, and in a plethora of particular ways, control the lives of all Americans... Most [of these laws] remain a potential source of virtually unlimited power for a President should he choose to activate them. It is possible that some future President could exercise this vast authority in an attempt to place the United States under authoritarian rule.

“While the danger of a dictatorship arising through legal means may seem remote to us today, recent history records Hitler seizing control through the use of the emergency powers provisions contained in the laws of the Weimar Republic.”

**Joint Statement, Senators Frank Church (D-ID)
and Charles McC Mathias (R-MD)
September 30, 1973**

The Executive Orders listed in **Appendix C** below are just some of those made in the 1960s. They clearly confer extraordinary powers on the President and allow him, if he so wishes, to operate a dictatorship, just as Senators Church and Mathias had warned. Many other Executive Orders have been made since then which add greatly to the powers which the President may exercise during a state of national emergency. Please remember that these do not include the exceptional powers already conferred on the President under a long list of statutes, including subsidiary provisions in otherwise innocuous Acts.

For example, President Obama signed an Executive Order (No.13524) on December 16, 2009, regarding the privileges and immunities of Interpol on US soil. Interpol is a private international police organization with a very shady past. Former Interpol presidents included SS General Otto Steinhausl; Reinhard Heydrich, one of the senior Nazi officers most responsible for the Holocaust; SS General Arthur Nebe (under whose command at least 46,000 people were murdered); and SS General Ernest Kaltenbrunner who was condemned to execution at the Nuremberg Trials.

The definition of Interpol published by the US Department of Justice in 1988 ought to ring an alarm bell in every state across America:

Interpol conducts inter-governmental activities, but is not based on an international treaty, convention, or similar legal documents. It was founded upon a constitution drawn up and written by a group of police officers who did not submit it for diplomatic signatures, nor have they ever submitted it for ratification by governments. [Cited on p.185 of *The Tavistock Institute of Human Relations* by John Coleman, 2006]

The changes made by President Obama in December 2009 extend to Interpol the same privileges and immunities under the International Organizations Immunities Act 1945 that apply to organizations which the US has approved, either through international treaty or a vote of Congress. Whatever restrictions applied to it under a previous Executive Order (No.12425), signed by President Reagan on June 16, 1983, were completely removed by Obama. This is a truly astonishing concession in that it allows a private international police organization to operate anywhere on American soil with virtually no federal supervision or constraints of any kind, except where the President decides to revoke its special status. Neither Congress nor the American people had a say in any of this. In short, Interpol enjoys the same immunity from every form of judicial process as is enjoyed by foreign governments. The big difference, of course, is that foreign governments are not authorized to operate covert intelligence gathering operations on American soil, but Interpol is.

The fact that there is **no** consolidated statement of the extensive powers that the President may exercise during a state of national emergency ought to be a matter of **great concern**, both to American citizens and to the world at large.

Conclusion

There is more than enough hard evidence in this paper to convince most sceptics that a co-ordinated international effort is being made to fatally weaken the United States and implement a centralised World Government. What is more, the evidence strongly suggests that this plan is well advanced and that the Ruling Elite have no qualms about murdering tens of millions of people in a third World War if it will expedite the creation of their totalitarian utopia.

In closing, let me remind you once again that the real political controllers in Washington were not placed there by the American people:

“Thank you for that wonderful tribute to Henry Kissinger yesterday. Congratulations. As the most recent National Security Advisor of the United States, **I take my daily orders from Dr. Kissinger**, filtered down through General Brent Scowcroft and Sandy Berger, who is also here. We have a chain of command in the National Security Council that exists today.”
[*Emphasis added*]

Remarks by the US National Security Adviser, James L Jones at the 45th Munich Conference on Security Policy, Hotel Bayerischer, February 8, 2009.

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APPENDIX A

CFR Members in the U.S. Government (excluding the Obama Administration)		
<i>Presidents</i>	<i>Vice Presidents</i>	<i>Secretaries of State</i>
Herbert Hoover Dwight D Eisenhower John F Kennedy Richard M Nixon Gerald R Ford James E Carter George H W Bush	Richard M. Nixon Hubert Humphrey Gerald R Ford Nelson A Rockefeller Walter Mondale George H W Bush Richard Cheney	Henry L Stimson Edward R Stettinius, Jr. Dean G Acheson John Foster Dulles Christian A Herter Dean Rusk William P Rogers Henry A Kissinger Cyrus R Vance Edmund S. Muskie Alexander M Haig, Jr. George P Shultz Lawrence Eagleburger Warren M Christopher Madeleine K Albright Colin L Powell Condoleezza Rice
<i>Secretaries of Defence</i>	<i>Secretaries of the Treasury</i>	<i>CIA Director</i>
Henry L Stimson Robert P Patterson James V Forrestal Robert A. Lovett Neil H McElroy Thomas S Gates, Jr. Robert S McNamara Melvin R Laird Elliot L Richardson Donald H Rumsfeld Harold Bown Caspar W Weinberger Frank C Carlucci Richard B. Cheney Les Aspin William Perry William S Cohen Donald Rumsfeld Robert M Gates	Andrew W Mellon Ogden L Mills William H Woodin Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Robert B Anderson C Douglas Dillon Henry H Fowler David M Kennedy George P Shultz W Michael Blumenthal G. William Miller Donald T Regan Nicholas F Brady Lloyd Bentsen Robert Rubin Lawrence H Summers Henry M Paulson, Jr.	Walter Bedell Smith Allen W Dulles John A McCone Richard Helms James R Schlesinger William E Colby George H W Bush Stansfield Turner William J Casey Robert M Gates R James Woolsey John M Deutch George J Tenet Michael V Hayden

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EMERGENCY POWERS STATUTES

**REPORT of the SPECIAL COMMITTEE
ON THE TERMINATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY**

NOVEMBER 19, 1973

FOREWORD

Since March 9, 1933, the United States has been in a state of declared national emergency. In fact, there are now in effect four presidentially proclaimed states of national emergency: In addition to the national emergency declared by President Roosevelt in 1933, there are also the national emergency proclaimed by President Truman on December 16, 1950, during the Korean conflict, and the states of national emergency declared by President Nixon on March 23, 1970, and August 15, 1971.

These proclamations give force to 470 provisions of Federal law. These hundreds of statutes delegate to the President extraordinary powers, ordinarily exercised by the Congress, which affect the lives of American citizens in a host of all-encompassing manners. This vast range of powers, taken together, confer enough authority to rule the country without reference to normal constitutional processes.

Under the powers delegated by these statutes, the President may: seize property; organize and control the means of production; seize commodities; assign military forces abroad; institute martial law; seize and control all transportation and communication; regulate the operation of private enterprise; restrict travel; and, in a plethora of particular ways, control the lives of all American citizens.

With the melting of the cold war-the developing detente with the Soviet Union and China, the stable truce of over 20 years duration between North and South Korea, and the end of U.S. involvement in the war in Indochina-there is no present need for the United States Government to continue to function under emergency conditions.

The Special Committee on the Termination of the National Emergency was created to examine the consequences of terminating the declared states of national emergency that now prevail; to recommend what steps the Congress should take to ensure that the termination can be accomplished without adverse effect upon the necessary tasks of governing; and, also, to recommend ways in which the United States can meet future emergency situations with speed and effectiveness but without relinquishment of congressional oversight and control.

In accordance with this mandate, the Special Committee-in conjunction with the Executive branch, expert constitutional authorities, as well as former high officials of this Government is now engaged in a detailed study to determine the most reasonable ways to restore normalcy to the operations of our Government.

A first and necessary step was to bring together the body of statutes, which have been passed by Congress, conferring extraordinary powers upon the Executive branch in times of national emergency. This has been a most difficult task. Nowhere in the Government, in either the Executive or Legislative branches, did there exist a complete catalog of all emergency statutes. **Many were aware that there had been a delegation of an enormous amount of power but, of how much power, no one knew.** In order to correct this situation, the Special Committee staff was instructed to work with the Executive branch, the Library of Congress, and knowledgeable legal authorities to compile an authoritative list of delegated emergency powers.

This Special Committee study, which contains a list of all provisions of Federal law, except the most trivial, conferring extraordinary powers in time of national emergency, was compiled by the staff under the direction of Staff Director William G Miller, and Mr Thomas A Dine; utilizing the help of the General Accounting Office, the American Law Division of the Library of Congress, the Department of Justice, the Department of Defense, and the Office of Emergency Planning.

The Special Committee is grateful for the assistance provided by Jack Goldklang of the Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Lester S Jayson, the director of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress; Joseph E Ross, head of the American Law Division of CRS; and especially Raymond Celada of the American Law Division and his able assistants, Charles V Dale and Grover S Williams; Paul Armstrong of the General Accounting Office; Linda Lee, Patrick Norton, Roland Moore, William K. Sawyer, Audrey Hatry, Martha Mecham, and David J. Kyte.

The Special Committee will also publish a list of Executive Orders, issued pursuant to statutes brought into force by declared states of emergency, at a later date.

Charles McC. Mathias, Jr [Senator]
Frank Church [Senator]
Co-Chairmen

[Note: *Emphasis added.*]

Just some of the powers that may be assumed by the US President in a national emergency

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10995

in a national emergency allows the government to take control of national telecommunications.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10997

in a national emergency allows the government to take control of all electrical power, gas, petroleum, fuels and minerals.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10998

in a national emergency allows the government to take over all food resources and farms.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10999

in a national emergency allows the government to take control of all means of transportation, including personal cars, trucks or vehicles of any kind and total control over all highways, seaports, and waterways.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11000

in a national emergency allows the government to mobilize civilians into work brigades under government supervision.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11001

in a national emergency allows the government to take control of all health, education and welfare functions.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11002

in a national emergency designates the Postmaster General to operate a national registration of all persons.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11003

in a national emergency allows the government to take over all airports and aircraft, including commercial aircraft.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11004

in a national emergency allows the government to relocate communities, build new housing with public funds, designate areas to be abandoned, and establish new locations for populations.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11005

in a national emergency allows the government to take control of railroads, inland waterways and public storage facilities.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11051

assigns to the Office of Emergency Planning a range of responsibilities to provide a central point of leadership and co-ordination in the executive office of the President (including implementation of emergency powers assigned to the President under various executive orders)

EXECUTIVE ORDER 11310

grants authority to the Department of Justice to enforce the plans set out in Executive Orders, to institute industrial support, to establish judicial and legislative liaison, to control all aliens, to operate penal and correctional institutions, and to advise and assist the President.

An archive of Presidential Executive Orders may be found at:

http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/executive_orders.php

Beware of Warrenism and the False Theology of the Purpose-Driven Church

by Jeremy James

The Purpose-Driven Church developed and promoted by Rick Warren is leading millions away from Bible-based Christianity. This paper shows how his innovative needs-based church is actually a carefully crafted counterfeit of true Christianity, where essential Biblical truths are replaced by concepts grounded in modern psychology, personal development, positive thinking, social transformation, management science and new age philosophy.

This counterfeit of Christianity is given ‘Scriptural’ support by the selective use of 14 versions of the Bible, most of which are dangerously unreliable for doctrinal purposes.

If you are a member of the Purpose-Driven Church then you need to consider the information set out in this paper. You may think of yourself as a born-again Christian but, I can assure you, if you are fully committed to the false theology of Rick Warren, then you are in serious trouble with the LORD.

Background

Some background may help. I was saved less than two years ago. After 19 years a Catholic and then 33 years in the New Age Movement, the LORD in His mercy pulled me back from the jaws of hell. Since then I have learned just how deceitful the New Age Movement really is. But I’ve also learned – to my great surprise – that the same powers of deception are extremely active within the professing Christian community. Heresy, apostasy and backsliding are the norm! A church that preaches true Bible-based Christianity, without compromise of any kind, is actually quite rare.

Of the many false versions of Christianity that I have encountered since I was saved, none compares with that of Rick Warren for sheer deception. Having come out of the New Age Movement, I know only too well how one little lie can build upon another in the most seductive way until a gleaming palace of illusion stands ready for occupation by the unsuspecting soul.

Warrenism is successful because none of its lies are large. It is difficult (though not impossible) to point to a specific passage in *The Purpose Driven Life* and declare, beyond all doubt, that it is false. Nonetheless, most of the bricks from which the palace of Warrenism is built are slightly irregular. Only after a sufficient number have been set in place can we see the gaps and misalignments that result. The shelter and security that it is meant to provide are just an illusion.

The Warren school of stagecraft

Warrenism exploits the biggest weaknesses in human nature. In our fallen state, we crave uniformity, acceptance, recognition and an easy life. We want our flaws to be excused and our talents to be acclaimed. No one wants to be told that they are a filthy wretch in the eyes of God and that, no matter how ‘good’ they are, if they are not born again in Christ, they are destined for hell. So Warren takes care NEVER to highlight this devastating spiritual fact. Even though it is the fundamental message of the Gospel – a hard and frightening message in a way – it is pushed far into the background in Warrenist theology.

The reader of *The Purpose Driven Life* is drawn more and more into Warren’s false gospel by his steady use of Scriptural references. He quotes nearly 750 Biblical verses over the course of 40 chapters, all of which seem to support his unorthodox theology.

Few readers ask the obvious question: If this new version of Christianity is Biblically sound, then why has it never been taught before? After all, if Warren is right, then many giants of Christian doctrine were sorely mistaken. We can forget Matthew Henry, Matthew Poole, C H Spurgeon, John Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, H A Ironside, Vernon McGee, D L Moody, A W Tozer, Martin Lloyd Jones, R A Torrey and many, many more. If Warren is right, then these men were wrong.

Indeed, Warren has such confidence in his views that he believes they will inaugurate a new Reformation (His ambitions are matched only by his modesty).

On the other hand, if Warren is wrong – and I have no doubt that he is – then how has he managed to fool so many? Like a consummate stage magician, he has performed a fabulous trick which no one in his audience is able to figure out. Normally, the only people who can unravel the secrets behind such tricks are other stage magicians. During my 33 years in the New Age, I was an innocent party to many such deceptions, so (to my shame) I probably qualify as a former stage magician. If so, then please let me demonstrate how Mr Warren, the master of modern stagecraft, has performed the great multi-million dollar illusion.

How to fool sincere seekers of God

Firstly, for a good trick to work, the audience must be convinced that it is impossible. Warren sets the stage, as it were, by quoting Scripture so often that you are sure every move he makes is legitimate and in plain view. None of the 40 chapters in *The Purpose Driven Life* is very long, and each is fairly easy to understand. There hardly seems to be any room for a clever manoeuvre or sleight of hand. This apparent simplicity does much to reinforce the illusion.

A good stage performer exploits the tendency in his audience to make many natural assumptions. Then, by carefully misdirecting their attention, he can entice them into focusing on the wrong part of his act.

So which part of the Warren ‘act’ is the most deceptive? Actually, it is the part you trust the most – the Bible itself.

This has only been possible through what might be described as ‘advances in technology.’ The great stage magicians of the 19th century were constantly on the look out for scientific and technical innovations of which the general public was not aware. They could then devise new acts which secretly incorporated these advanced techniques.

Warren has exploited the religious equivalent of an advance in technology, namely the appearance in recent decades of several new translations of the Bible. These give incredible scope for anyone who is so minded to manufacture new doctrinal concepts while maintaining a veneer of Scriptural authority. Warren exploited this to the maximum extent in *The Purpose Driven Life*, where he used no fewer than 14 different versions of the Bible to support his artificial theology (See the table on the next page).

Multiple Bible Versions

He knew that most members of the public have no idea that many of these modern translations are seriously flawed. The standard of scholarship behind them is abysmal. To count as a ‘new’ translation for copyright purposes, the proposed text must differ from all other versions by a specified amount. Thus there is a powerful incentive for these so-called scholars to amend the Word of God in as many ways as they can. Only by doing this can they accumulate enough changes to enable their ‘product’ to qualify as a new version of the Bible for copyright purposes. In other words, the system encourages invention, misinterpretation and distortion. Some of the so-called modern ‘translations’ are nothing more than a sloppy paraphrase of the original. Many of them are unsuitable even for devotional purposes and there is definitely no justification for using any of them to support a new doctrinal position. They simply lack the rigour and accuracy needed for this purpose.

But this didn't stop Rick Warren. He went right ahead in the knowledge that few of his readers would know the limitations of the material he was using. He then cherry-picked his way through the 14 versions of the Bible to find the verse he was looking for. If he got stuck, he could always fall back on *The Message* – a paraphrase of the Bible which is so perverse that it is viewed by many as a deliberate attempt to undermine the revealed Word of God.

Like an accomplished stage magician, Warren moves smoothly through his 40 chapters with both flair and self-confidence. The more assured the performance and the more omniscient the narrator, the greater the illusion. The reader is left in no doubt that such a *tour-de-force* could only have been possible because it was based on truth. And Warren uses nearly 750 verses from Scripture to reinforce this perception. He is especially fond of translations which include words and concepts that figure prominently in his own philosophy. These include *purpose, vision, goal, focus, test, accomplish, relationship, friendship, imagination, heart, experience, attitude, ability, practice, successful, message, power, change, plan, mature, balance, and wholeness*.

It is no accident that these same words feature often in the vocabulary of personal development and self-esteem psychology.

	BIBLE VERSIONS used by Rick Warren	Times used	% of Total
NLT	New Living Translation (1996)	145	19%
NIV	New International Version (1978)	120	16%
MSG	The Message (Bible) (1993)	116	16%
TEV	Today's English Version / Good News Translation (1992)	87	12%
LB	Living Bible (1979)	81	11%
NCV	New Century Version (1991)	63	8%
CEV	Contemporary English Version (1995)	55	7%
GWT	God's Word Translation (1995)	31	4%
KJV	King James Version (1611)	14	2%
PH	New Testament in Modern English (Phillips) (1958)	11	1%
NASB	New American Standard Bible (1973)	8	1%
NRSV	New Revised Standard Version (1990)	5	<1%
AMP	Amplified Bible (1965)	4	<1%
NJB	New Jerusalem Bible (1985)	4	<1%
	Total number of verses -	744	100%

Modern Bible versions are peppered with many vague and inappropriate words of this kind. This is why Warren draws nearly two-thirds of his quotations from versions published after 1990. The more often the reader sees such ambivalent, vision-laden words in the verses cited by Warren, the more likely he is to accept his theology.

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	Total number of verses -	497	66%

Anyone who uses 14 versions of the Bible in the same book clearly has little or no respect for any one translation. This is highly problematic since it strongly implies that no translation is reliable. And if no translation is reliable, then the fundamental doctrines of Christianity are not clearly set down in any single authoritative source. The only way one can identify what these doctrines are is to depend upon a leading Biblical scholar to show us – presumably someone like Warren himself. When this happens, we end up with the doctrine of men, with all the errors, omissions and distortions that this implies.

The Actual Word of God

Scripture, we must remind ourselves, is not the human expression of divine ideas. The LORD did not inspire the prophets with thoughts and images, but with *actual words*. The very words themselves are inspired. Thus a paraphrase is never more than a human product. It is NOT the Word of God. Of all the Bibles used by Warren, only the King James Version avoids the pitfalls of paraphrasing and dynamic interpretation, i.e. the re-statement of the original text in a more accessible idiom.

Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make **my words in thy mouth** fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. (Jeremiah 5:14)

Pastor Bob DeWaay drew attention to the central problem in Warren's treatment of Scripture when he said: "The Scriptures, being the very voice of the Holy Spirit to men, must always be handled with a holy sense of awe and the utmost respect for the meaning of the text." (p.208).

Warren's liberal attitude is further underlined by another technique that he used in *The Purpose Driven Life*. Normally, when one quotes a verse from Scripture in one chapter, and finds a need to use the same verse again in a later chapter, one simply reproduces the same text. This is so obvious that it should not need to be stated. But this is not what Warren did. On no fewer than **121** occasions he uses a *different* translation of a verse from the one he had used previously. In this way he is able to quote even more verses from Scripture in support of his position than was otherwise possible. In some instances the same verse is quoted 3-4 times, but in a *different* translation each time. (See the **Appendix** for a complete listing of these verses, where they occur, and the Bible version used in each case.)

If you are comfortable with this approach, then you are rejecting the methodology behind several hundred years of Biblical scholarship and exegesis. If the identification of sound doctrine is dependant on human ingenuity and *special* people who have a *talent* for identifying the true Word of God, then sincere Christians everywhere are at the mercy of a self-appointed elite.

What is the Warren Gospel?

A detailed analysis of the Purpose Driven Church would require far more space than this paper allows, but I will try to capture the key differences between the Warren Gospel and the true Biblical Gospel in a few short pages.

Let's look first at the true Gospel to remind ourselves what the Bible actually teaches:

The Gospel according to the Bible

Everyone is born under condemnation by God. They are destined for hell unless they repent with their whole heart and accept the gift of salvation through the blood of Christ. He has paid our sin debt for us. Only by being born again can we acquire a new, regenerated self which is able to live in submission to the will of God. When this happens, the Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence inside us. Our daily walk with Christ is built on prayer, worship, the study of Scripture and separation from the values of this world.

This ought to be the Gospel taught by the Purpose Driven Church, but it's not. In fact, it would be virtually impossible for an unbeliever, through a careful study of *The Purpose Driven Life*, to distil this message from its 300-odd pages. If this is the case, then what will the average reader understand as the 'gospel' in the Warren system of salvation? This is a question everyone should ask since it is central to what the Purpose Driven Church is all about.

Here is one plausible formulation:

The Gospel according to the Purpose-Driven Church

God loves you unconditionally. He wants you to be happy. All you have to do is trust Jesus and everything will work out well for you. You should live always with the understanding that you are special and that you are on a journey of self-discovery. By working every day on your relationship with Jesus and helping to improve the world, you are fulfilling your mission and purpose in life. It is the duty of every Christian to go into the world and tell everyone to trust Jesus. If we all do this, the world will become the beautiful place it was always meant to be.

While it is doubtful whether 100% of the PDC membership would agree fully with this definition, I think it is fair to say that most would find it broadly acceptable.

But compare it with the Bible-based Gospel given above! It is obvious that we are not talking about the same gospel. The chasm between the two is not merely the result of diverging approaches to Biblical exegesis. The PDC version cannot even be described as a modernised presentation of a traditional message. There is simply no escaping the fact that the two gospels are distinctly different. And since the Biblical version must be true, the Warren version must be false.

Having said that, the Warren version has enjoyed, and will continue to enjoy, wide popular appeal. His 'news' is more agreeable and more comforting to the ears and expectations of the unsaved sinner. It is also much more in tune with the times we live in, where tolerance is prized above truth and personal fulfilment above doctrinal accuracy.

The Anatomy of Warrenism

Now that we know in a general sense how Warrenism differs from true Christianity, we can look more closely at its component parts and see how they simulate the message of the Gospel. When I began to compile this paper I expected to find about five or six key differences. However, as unsettling as that would have been, the final count was considerably higher.

The table below lists all the ways Purpose Driven theology differs from true Christian theology. The differences are not cosmetic or superficial, but in many cases profound and in every case substantial. While there may be a degree of overlap between some of the factors, taken collectively they constitute two completely different, and incompatible, theologies. It is quite clear that no Christian could subscribe to both of them. If you accept traditional Biblical theology, as set out in the writings of dozens of reputable Biblical scholars over the past three hundred years or more, then Warrenist theology may strike you as a sad and rather eccentric parody of what God actually said for our benefit.

	Basic Elements of Christian Theology	Basic Elements of Warren Theology
1	Repentance	Regret
2	Faith	Feeling
3	Sin	Mistakes
4	Grace	Results
5	Church	Team
6	Believer-directed	Unbeliever-driven
7	Evangelism	Marketing
8	Judgment	Reform
9	Rebirth	Commitment
10	Humility	Self-Esteem
11	Adamic Need	Felt Need
12	Sanctification	Self-Improvement
13	Prophecy	Self-Enhancement
14	Self-Denial	Self-Fulfillment
15	Doctrine	Dialogue
16	Redemption	Acceptance
17	Separation	Involvement
18	Prayer	Techniques
19	Scripture	Manuals
20	Worship	Self-Expression

► **Warren has replaced Repentance with Regret**

Warren does not highlight the central truth about man, namely, that he is under condemnation by God. The truth is acknowledged, of course, but it sits quietly in the background. As a result members of the Purpose Driven Church tend to perceive their fallenness in terms of a metaphysical condition, a general misalignment with God that affects all mankind. They are not taught that they are *personally* under condemnation by the Almighty, that they have *personally* sinned and rebelled against God, and that they must *personally* repent for this. This direct accountability to God is replaced by a vague sense that man has strayed and only needs to get back on track. As a result, true repentance is replaced by a sense of regret.

Pastor David Cloud made the following observation:

Warren's incredibly shallow approach allows any person who will admit that he is a sinner in any sense to pray a prayer and then think of himself as a genuine Christian, even though he might continue to deny what the Bible says about sin.

- A Review of Rick Warren's 'The Purpose Driven Life', 3 April 2007

► **Warren has replaced Faith with Feeling**

The meaning of faith and the power of faith in Warren's writings are both vague and unconvincing. Time and again he speaks of faith in terms of one's emotional attunement to Christ. Faith is treated as an attitude or a psychological disposition rather than an unconditional belief in the saving blood of Christ. In the Purpose Driven Church, faith is something that grows through service, while the Bible teaches that "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God." This central truth cannot be emphasised by the Purpose Driven Church since it would require an authoritative Bible, not a proliferation of translations, versions and paraphrases.

► **Warren has replaced Sin with Mistakes**

Warren greatly plays down the offensiveness of sin, the fact that it is utterly abhorrent in the eyes of God. Instead sin is treated as something akin to the misdemeanours of an errant child. God is portrayed as a patient parent who gradually nudges the child in the right direction and gets him to behave as he should. But this is a false doctrine. Sin is not faulty or flawed behaviour, but the very essence of rebellion. God does not tolerate sin in the same way that a parent tolerates a certain amount of inappropriate conduct in a child. The reality is that God hates sin. And sin separates us from God. Thus sin cannot be portrayed in any sense as a mistake and to do so is to trivialise the magnitude of what Christ achieved for us on the Cross.

► **Warren has replaced Grace with Results**

A recurring theme throughout the Purpose Driven philosophy is that grace becomes evident through the results we achieve while serving God. This is implied in various ways and to varying degrees, but the bottom-line is always the same: If you are in receipt of God's grace then it will manifest in a way the world can see. But this doctrine is not found anywhere in the Bible. God's grace and blessings may never manifest in any form that others can see. Take Jeremiah, for example. He received the living Word of God for many, many years and preached it fearlessly, but without results. No one listened to him. Noah preached for over a hundred years and failed to convert even one sinner. The Purpose Driven Church would have dismissed both of these extraordinary men as unmitigated failures.

► **Warren has replaced the Church with a Vision-directed Team**

The Purpose Driven Church places great emphasis on *vision*. As a long-term objective it implies the interaction and inter-dependency between individual and corporate goals, where members work together over a period of years to achieve something which they believe God wants. The problem with this is that it redefines the church, not as a living body led by our High Priest, but as a team whose purpose is determined by the collective will of its members. This approach fails to see that the church is unlike any worldly organisation and that the rules which apply to worldly organisations do not, and cannot, apply to it. The moment we apply the principles of management science to a church we have, not a church, but a vision-directed team.

► **Warren has replaced a Believer-based with an Unbeliever-based church**

No one can redefine the Gospel. It has been given to us by God. Our task as Christians is to preach it in the full Biblical sense, without compromise or careful editing. It is actually a painful message, at least initially, to the ears of fallen man. No one comes to repentance without recognising that he is completely without worth in the eyes of God. If the Gospel is watered down in any way to accommodate the ‘needs’ of the audience, then it is simply not the Gospel. It may be uplifting and admirable in many respects, but it is not the Gospel and it will not lead to repentance. Thus a church built around the perceived needs of the unbeliever is spiritually empty. It is utterly devoid of true spiritual nourishment. It may ‘feel’ good, at least for a time, but it will not lead anyone to a new birth in Christ.

► **Warren has replaced Evangelism with Marketing**

The Gospel is not a product and cannot be marketed. It actually conflicts in the most fundamental sense with the values of the world, while marketing techniques, by their very nature, are designed to reflect and embody such values. An evangelist is not a salesman. He has nothing to sell. His primary task is to bring listeners to repentance, to help them recognise that they are utterly fallen and under condemnation before God, but that the LORD in His mercy has provided a very specific means of salvation – through the blood of His Son. This news is ‘good news’ but only because the listener understands and accepts the ‘bad news’ about his own spiritual condition. Marketing will only ever emphasize an upbeat message. The Purpose Driven Church is both unwilling and unable to give the bad news.

► **Warren has replaced Judgment with Reform**

The Purpose-Driven Church greatly downplays the judgment of God. As a result it also downplays the righteous judgment that every Christian should exercise in the condemnation of sin. This is subtly interpreted as intolerance or ‘fundamentalism’ by the Purpose Driven Church. If one truly loves another, one never shows him anything less than complete respect. But this confuses the sin with the sinner. The Bible teaches that we love the sinner but not the sin. We should hate the sin just as God hates the sin. The Purpose Driven Church seeks to change the world without judging it, to promote reform without emphatically rejecting the sin that makes repentance necessary.

► **Warren has replaced Rebirth with Commitment**

Many unbelievers have great difficulty with the Christian doctrine of the new birth. Even many professing Christians are confused by it. The most common misconception is that the fundamental spiritual change which comes when one is “born again” is achieved gradually, through a process which extends over a period of time and is facilitated by one’s good works and service to God.

As noble as this may sound, it is actually false. The day one truly repents and comes to Christ, one is re-born. Rebirth is not a process but an *event*. The Purpose Driven Church is very vague about the new birth, and often seems to equate it to a process. Warren seems determined to move away from the doctrine of the new birth since it smacks of ‘fundamentalism’ and the kind of black-and-white theology that he believes is unbecoming in a modern, broadminded Christian. While it is not clearly stated, the Purpose Driven Church seems to assume that anyone who becomes a member is born again.

The harsh reality, of course, is that church membership never saves anybody. And by implying that it does, however obliquely, Warren is doing a dreadful disservice to his members. (Pastor David Cloud called it “a crime and a disgrace to the cause of Christ” – *The Calvinism Debate*, p.48)

Also, by requiring applicants to sign a covenant as a condition of membership, the Purpose Driven Church is brazenly violating the Biblical prohibition on oath-taking. This is a well-known ploy among New Age organisations which use it to establish a hold over their members and create a subtle sense of exclusivity.

► **Warren has replaced Humility with Self-Esteem**

In and of ourselves, we have no reason to feel worthy. Worthiness comes only through the cleansing blood of Christ. However, the unsaved person does not know this. He feels he must have some intrinsic value or worth in the eyes of God, and he estimates this worth in terms of his accomplishments. Psychology often equates good mental and emotional health with high self-esteem and a strong sense of self-worth. And this is broadly what the Purpose Driven Church does. Like the Robert Schuller school of Christianity, it teaches that a Christian can only reach his full potential by developing a healthy measure of self-esteem. The strength which comes from this is meant to enable him to serve Christ in the world. But none of this is Biblical. Christ stated several times that the last shall be first and the first last. The strength to serve does not depend on self-esteem but on trust in God and the joy that comes from being obedient to His holy will. Many of God’s chosen servants felt utterly unworthy of their calling – Moses, Jeremiah, Gideon, Peter, etc. None of them would have made the grade in the Purpose Driven Church.

► **Warren has replaced Adamic Need with Felt Need**

The Purpose Driven Church is very much a needs-based ministry, but the needs it addresses are those which its members themselves have identified. These are known as perceived or felt needs. The problem with this approach is that we have deeper needs, spiritual needs, which are not easy to discern. Some are beyond the limits of our understanding. These arise mainly from the fact that we are descendants of Adam in his fallen state. Only the Holy Spirit can bring them to our attention. The condition of fallen man is so severe that he cannot even recognise his fallenness, and were it not for the grace of God, sometimes called prevenient grace, he would never come to this recognition. The Purpose-Driven Church ignores the seriousness of our Adamic needs, the fatal deficiencies in our being which, by our own devices, we can never address.

► **Warren has replaced Sanctification with Self-Improvement**

The concept of sanctification is alien to the world we live in today. It means to set aside for God's purpose and His alone. This is not something we can achieve through our own efforts, since only God can define His purpose. So a true believer asks the LORD in prayer to sanctify an aspect of his life. Self-improvement, on the other hand, is something we can achieve through our own efforts. The Purpose Driven Church places a lot of attention on self-improvement since it enables its members to build the skills they need to serve God, to become a better person and to achieve greater success in life. The drawback with this is that it can induce members to depend less on the power of God in their lives and lean instead on their own resources. ("Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." – Proverbs 3:5) Self-reliance and self-sufficiency would appear to be an integral part of the Warren philosophy. While highly regarded in modern psychology, they are not Biblical since they fail to acknowledge our complete and utter dependence on God for all things. ("I will cry unto God most high, unto God that performeth all things for me" – Psalm 57:2)

► **Warren has replaced Prophecy with Self-Enhancement**

This may seem like a strange substitution, but it fits the pattern of the Purpose Driven Church. About one quarter of the entire Bible is devoted to prophecy. That alone shows how important it is to God. Through prophecy the LORD is showing us the power of His holy will, the consequences for man if he departs from the counsel of God, and the inevitable working out of His judgments. Thus prophecy is directly tied to several issues which the Purpose Driven Church is not comfortable addressing – sin, obedience, judgment and condemnation. The consequences for man of resisting His holy will are simply devastating. But this is not a theme that the upbeat Purpose Driven Church wants to pursue. It prefers instead to focus on the Bible as a self-help manual which, if we use it correctly, will enhance our lives on many levels.

► **Warren has replaced Self-Denial with Self-Fulfillment**

The Gospel highlights the depravity of man, his inborn tendency to commit sin and to prefer evil over good. Man can only overcome this powerful tendency by being born again. There is no other way. This means that, when the Holy Spirit takes up residence inside him, he has the power to resist evil and do good. The old nature must be denied and its appetites left unsatisfied. By living in his new nature and denying the old one, the born-again Christian finds joy in his life. The Purpose Driven Church makes the mistake of identifying self-fulfillment with joy. Christian joy is not purpose-driven. It comes solely from living in obedience to the will of God. Self-fulfillment, on the other hand, is predicated on the achievement of goals that we have set for ourselves. The sad reality is that a self-fulfilled existence can be attained while *still* living in the old nature.

► **Warren has replaced Doctrine with Dialogue**

Communication and dialogue are important building blocks in the Purpose Driven Church. They allow people to explore their felt needs, seek feedback and support, and use the wisdom of scripture to find practical solutions to their daily problems. This in itself should not be a source of difficulty, but it goes seriously astray when it treats scripture primarily as a problem-solving tool. The power and relevance of scripture in the Purpose Driven Church is often determined by how well it addresses our immediate needs. When this attitude prevails, the doctrinal content of scripture is pushed into the background. The Bible becomes a self-help manual, a guidebook on how to live the successful life, and little or no thought is given to the countless truths that the LORD wants to teach us through His holy Word, truths which may seem to have little or no relevance to our perceived needs.

The absence of a strong, clearly-stated doctrine of salvation in the Purpose Driven Church is an extremely serious shortcoming.

► **Warren has replaced Redemption with Acceptance**

Throughout his writings Warren implies that God will readily accept us the moment we accept Him. It is as if God is compelled to save us the moment we proclaim Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. But this is misleading. It overlooks the fact that God accepts us ONLY because Christ has redeemed us through his blood and paid our sin debt for us. Of ourselves there is not a single thing we can do to please Him and absolutely no basis on which God can ‘accept’ us unless we recognise our complete wretchedness and our total dependance on the blood of His Son. Only then is repentance possible. Only then is adoption possible through faith. Only then, through the blood of Christ, are we redeemed and born again.

This, the core principle of salvation, is completely lost beneath the many ‘visions’ which drive the Purpose Driven Church.

► **Warren has replaced Separation with Involvement**

Separation is an important Biblical teaching. The believer lives in the world but he is not of it. His values are not those of the world and may seem irrational or hypocritical to a worldly person. “...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” (James 4:4)

The PDC member is expected to form a bridge to the world to reach the unbeliever. In order to do this, he must maintain a steady focus on the perceived needs of the unbeliever – which by definition are shaped by the world and its values. So instead of separating himself as much as possible from this sinful domain, the PDC member is encouraged to maintain his familiarity with the world and its values.

The truth is that no believer is qualified to assess the spiritual needs of another person. Only the Holy Spirit knows those needs. And only the Holy Spirit can convict the unbeliever of his sinfulness. The task of the believer is simply to preach the Gospel, the complete Word of God, without hesitation and without compromise. And he can only do this if he is separated from the world and its values.

► **Warren has replaced Prayer with Technique**

Satan hates prayer because, through prayer, men can call upon God. And God is the only power that can defeat Satan. Thus Satan tries by every means possible to induce men and women to do everything but pray. One of his favourite strategies is to get them to use techniques which are very similar to prayer, but which achieve nothing. These include meditation, contemplation, silent introspection, repetitive prayer, yoga, chanting, the Labyrinth, Lectio Divina, etc. Warren approves the use of ‘Breath Prayer’ – the quiet repetition of a positive phrase throughout the day – and the Brother Lawrence technique known as ‘the practice of the presence of God.’ Both of these are Roman Catholic and both are non-Biblical.

► **Warren has replaced Scripture with Manuals**

The Purpose Driven Church has developed an extensive training regime for both pastors and members. This is designed to inculcate the philosophy and methodology which they believe is needed to ‘market’ Christianity. In practice these evangelical and missionary texts can have as much influence on the individual’s understanding of Christianity as the Bible itself.

In Appendix 2 of *The Purpose Driven Life*, entitled ‘Resources’, Warren lists the books and other material that he recommends for building what he calls spiritual disciplines. Over a dozen resources are cited – and all are by Rick Warren!

Even when Scripture is used, it is heavily skewed towards a Purpose Driven mindset. This is especially evident in the principal PDC textbook, *The Purpose Driven Life*. As Pastor Bob DeWaay has noted: “The misuse of Scripture is so widespread in *The Purpose Driven Life* that a whole book could be written just to correct them all.” (*Redefining Christianity*, p.110) Later he says: “From the faulty foundation of misquoted, misinterpreted and misapplied Scripture, coupled with a relativistic philosophy...Warren builds his own structure replete with strong claims.” (p.132)

The Bible makes it very clear that the Word, and it alone, should guide our actions. See Psalm 119 for example. Any other texts, even time-honoured Bible Commentaries, are for purposes of elucidation only. They cannot direct our actions in any manner.

A central theme in the Pauline Epistles is the correction of false doctrine. Again and again the great Apostle targets the countless ways Satan corrupts the true Gospel with false doctrine and the wisdom of men. The battle against false doctrine is one of the truly great challenges that the church has always had to face, and yet the Purpose Driven Church does not even recognise it as a problem. One searches in vain through *The Purpose Driven Life* and *The Purpose Driven Church* for even a faint recognition of this perpetual danger and the great damage it can do to Bible-based Christianity.

The sad reality is that the PDC is a purpose-driven, not a Bible-driven church.

► **Warren has replaced Worship with Self-Expression**

The Purpose-Driven church is strongly oriented towards a form of worship which unbelievers can readily identify with. This means using the music and other forms of self-expression which predominate in society at large. During worship the accent is on the needs of the unbeliever – who is not yet capable of true worship. Instead of focusing solely on the LORD in humility and reverence, the church is distracted by the perceived needs of the unbeliever.

Music which celebrates the world cannot celebrate God. This ought to be obvious, but for some reason many so-called Christians today do not see this. As Pastor David Cloud noted: “Though the Bible nowhere says nor even hints that God loves all kinds of music, we are to believe that He does because Rick Warren says so.” (3 April 2007)

The Purpose Riven Church

By now the reader must suspect that there is something seriously wrong with the Purpose Driven Church. Its founder did not start with the Bible and the message that the LORD intended for our salvation, but with a personal view of what Christianity is (or ought) to be. He then worked his way carefully through numerous translations of Scripture looking for verses that might support his opinions. Whether or not this was a sincere undertaking on his part, I cannot say, but it was certainly misguided.

The result is a ‘gospel’ that cannot save.

In his highly critical study on the Purpose Driven Church, Warren Smith made the following observation:

Rick Warren teaches only what he wants to teach from the Bible. As a result, there are many important teachings that he skips over, de-emphasizes, and leaves out – particularly in regard to prophecy and spiritual deception. (*A Wonderful Deception*, 2009)

Pastor Bob DeWaay, who also conducted an in-depth examination of the Purpose Driven Church in his fine book, *Redefining Christianity*, came to the following conclusion:

Warren has so redefined the major issues (the gospel, the Bible, the church, fellowship, worship, discipleship, evangelism, and missions), that he has effectively redefined Christianity.

The Cult-like Aspects of Warrenism

If we step back for a moment, we can see that the Purpose Driven Church has many of the characteristics that one normally associates with a cult:

1. A charismatic, authoritative leader or guru.
2. A corporate literature which purports to contain all of truth.
3. A formal membership regime, with expulsion for non-compliance.
4. A selective and idiosyncratic interpretation of the Bible.
5. A standardised way of dealing with life issues.
6. A strong emphasis on church membership and growth.
7. A stonewalling attitude to criticism.
8. A strong emphasis on group activities and conformity.
9. An expectation of complete commitment.
10. A firm belief that it can change the world.
11. A corporate, insider terminology.
12. A growing list of aggrieved former members.

Conclusion

We live in an age dominated by deception. If you are a member of a Purpose Driven Church, please give careful thought to the points made in this paper. If you cannot refute them to your complete satisfaction, then your continued participation in Rick Warren's redefined version of Christianity is no longer tenable. Find a rock-solid Bible-based church, where the true Gospel is preached fearlessly, without compromise.

As Pastor Bob DeWaay rightly notes, our time is running out. The biggest problem of all, the "GIANT" as he calls it, is "the wrath of God directed against the sins of mankind that has been building up, gathering interest, and is about to boil over in cataclysmic worldwide judgment."

Only prayer, repentance and true Gospel preaching can make a difference.

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APPENDIX

Verses used in more than one translation in *The Purpose Driven Life*

	Verse	Chapter + Bible Version				
1	Psalms 39:4	6-LB	6-NLT			
2	Psalms 69:9	12-NLT	37-LB			
3	Psalms 100:2	9-LB	34-KJV			
4	Psalms 119:19	6-NLT	6-TEV			
5	Psalms 119:33	9-LB	37-MSG			
6	Psalms 119:97	11-NIV	24-NCV			
7	Psalms 139:13	30-NLT	31-MSG			
8	Psalms 139:16	2-LB	30-NLT			
9	Psalms 147:11	8-CEV	9-TEV			
10	Proverbs 4:26	26-TEV	40-CEV			
11	Jeremiah 29:11	3-NCV	25-NIV			
12	Matthew 5:9	20-NLT	20-MSG			
13	Matthew 10:42	33-LB	33-NLT			
14	Matthew 16:18	17-NLT	35-TEV			
15	Matthew 22:37-38	9-NIV	16-NLT			
16	Matthew 28:19	15-NLT	36-CEV	36-NIV		
17	Luke 16:11	5-NLT	34-NIV			
18	John 4:23	13-NIV	13-MSG			
19	John 8:31	24-NASB	24-KJV			
20	John 13:35	7-GWT	16-LB	17-NLT		
21	John 17:4	7-NLT	39-NIV	29-MSG		
22	Acts 1:8	36-NIV	38-CEV			
23	Acts 13:22	24-NIV	35-NLT			
24	Acts 17:26	2-NIV	11-MSG	38-CEV		
25	Acts 20:24	36-NLT	36-NCV			

26	Romans 6:13	7-NLT	36-LB	10-TEV		
27	Romans 8:17	25-MSG	25-NLT			
28	Romans 8:28	25-NLT	25-NIV			
29	Romans 8:29	25-NLT	22-MSG			
30	Romans 12:1	8-MSG	10-TEV	10-KJV	10-CEV	13-NIV
31	Romans 12:2	1-NLT	5-TEV	22-MSG		
32	Romans 12:5	17-NIV	29-MSG	15-GWT		
33	Romans 12:10	18-NRSV	19-GWT			
34	Romans 14:4	21-CEV	34-GWT			
35	Romans 14:19	18-NIV	21-PH	21-MSG		
36	Romans 15:2	19-LB	23-CEV			
37	1 Corinthians 1:10	20-MSG	21-NLT			
38	1 Corinthians 4:2	5-NCV	34-TEV			
39	1 Corinthians 7:31	6-NLT	38-MSG			
40	1 Corinthians 10:13	5-TEV	26-NLT			
41	1 Corinthians 12:5	30-NLT	31-TEV			
42	1 Corinthians 12:4-6	31-TEV	31-PH			
43	1 Corinthians 12:27	17-NCV	29-NLT			
44	1 Corinthians 14:20	23-NIV	38-CEV			
45	2 Corinthians 1:8	31-LB	35-NLT			
46	2 Corinthians 3:18	7-NLT	24-NIV	28-MSG		
47	2 Corinthians 4:17	25-NLT	40-NIV			
48	2 Corinthians 4:18	6-MSG	6-NIV			
49	2 Corinthians 5:9	9-TEV	10-NIV			
50	2 Corinthians 5:18	11-TEV	20-GWT	20-MSG	36-LB	
51	2 Corinthians 5:20	6-NLT	36-NCV	36-MSG		
52	2 Corinthians 10:12	32-NIV	32-MSG			
53	2 Corinthians 10:13	32-NLT	40-LB			
54	2 Corinthians 12:9	35-LB	35-NIV	35-NLT		
55	Galatians 5:14	16-LB	16-NIV			
56	Galatians 6:2	18-NLT	19-NCV			
57	Galatians 6:4	32-MSG	32-NLT	32-CEV		
58	Galatians 6:10	16-NCV	16-NLT	33-GWT		
59	Ephesians 1:5	8-TEV	15-NLT			
60	Ephesians 2:10	17-MSG	29-TEV	29-LB	30-NIV	
61	Ephesian 4:3	19-NCV	21-NIV			
62	Ephesians 4:7	30-CEV	32-LB			
63	Ephesians 4:13	22-CEV	28-PH			
64	Ephesians 4:23	22-CEV	23-NLT			
65	Ephesians 4:24	22-GWT	22-NIV			
66	Ephesians 5:17	3-MSG	32-LB			
67	Ephesians 5:25	17-GWT	40-TEV			

68	Philippians 1:6	28-NIV	28-LB	28-NCV		
69	Philippians 2:4	19-NCV	20-TEV	34-MSG	38-NLT	
70	Philippians 2:5	23-CEV	34-MSG	34-NIV		
71	Philippians 2:13	22-NLT	23-NIV			
72	Colossians 1:15	22-NLT	22-MSG			
73	Colossians 3:13	18-LB	18-NLT			
74	1 Timothy 3:15	18-NCV	17-GWT			
75	1 Timothy 4:15	28-GWT	32-LB			
76	2 Timothy 1:9	29-LB	29-TEV			
77	2 Timothy 2:15	32-MSG	32-NIV			
78	Hebrews 11:7	9-MSG	9-NCV			
79	Hebrews 13:17	21-MSG	21-NIV			
80	James 1:3	25-MSG	25-PH			
81	James 1:4	25-PH	28-MSG			
82	James 1:12	5-GWT	26-NCV	26-LB	26-NLT	
83	James 1:18	2-NCV	15-LB			
84	James 4:1-2	20-NIV	26-LB			
85	James 4:6-7	26-NLT	10-NCV			
86	James 5:16	18-MSG	27-NIV			
87	1 Peter 2:9	29-GWT	37-MSG			
88	1 Peter 2:11	6-MSG	6-GWT			
89	1 Peter 2:17	16-CEV	17-MSG			
90	1 Peter 4:10	7-NLT	31-LB			
91	1 Peter 5:5	19-NIV	33-TEV			
92	1 John 4:18	3-MSG	37-TEV			
93	1 John 3:16	17-NIV	19-GWT			
94	1 John 1:8	18-NCV	20-MSG			
95	Revelation 4:11	7-NLT	40-MSG			

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Lupus Occultus: **The Paganised Christianity of C. S. Lewis**

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C S Lewis is well known among born-again Christians as a ‘Christian’ writer, someone whose inclusive religious viewpoint is of particular relevance to the world we live in today. I would hope to show that this perception of Lewis is not only gravely mistaken but that it arose through deliberate misdirection on the part of Lewis himself.

In 2008, after 33 years as an active participant in the New Age movement, I finally came to Christ. As I found my feet and met with other born-again Christians, I discovered that many Evangelicals, as well as Christians the world over, were keen readers of C S Lewis. They revered him as a great Christian author and apologist for true, Bible-believing Christianity. Frankly, this was a great surprise to me because, as a longtime practitioner of the New Age, I knew what C S Lewis was ‘really’ teaching.

Anyone with a deep familiarity with New Age philosophy, or with a grounding in Theosophy or the occult generally, knows that C S Lewis was about as Christian as the Dalai Lama. Religious, yes. Philosophical, yes. But Christian? Never.

Occult England

Lewis was moulded in the long tradition of high-Anglican British atheism, spiritism and oriental thought. Long before John Dee and Edward Kelly, two high level occultists who advised Queen Elizabeth I, a large segment of the English upper classes was involved in magic and a study of the occult books which started to flow into Europe after the Crusades. The English Reformation was mainly a political movement which, in the long run, had little impact on the religious beliefs of the ruling classes. Their fascination with the occult and the paranormal spread through the Anglican Church and led to a state-sponsored brand of Christianity which was purely ceremonial in nature. The Methodist, Presbyterian, Plymouth Brethren and other Bible-based churches emerged to fill the colossal void left by the established church, most of whose clergy and prelates were either non-believers, theists or spiritualists.



Lewis was a high Anglican with strong leanings toward the Roman Catholic Church. Raised in the Church of Ireland, he worked through an atheistic phase in his youth to become a theist – a believer in a deity, but not yet a Christian. His alleged conversion came in 1931, when he was aged 33 or thereabouts and a tenured academic at Oxford. He then joined the Church of England, even though his close friend, JRR Tolkien, wanted him to enter the Roman Catholic Church.

Many scholars who have studied this phase of Lewis's life have been unable to identify anything in his conversion which comes remotely close to what a Bible-believing Christian understands by 'born again'. His own account in *Surprised by Joy* reads more like the philosophical acceptance of a difficult scientific theory than a life-changing religious experience.

Most Americans are unaware of the extent to which the English academia in the 18th and 19th centuries was steeped in the literature, history and mythology of Greece and Rome. Furthermore, with countless members of the ruling elite and the upper middle class serving in India and the Middle East, they were exposed to, and greatly influenced by, the religious traditions and mythologies of the Orient. This led to the widely-held belief that all religions were fundamentally mythological in character and that, while they served a useful social function, they were either (a) devoid of any absolute truth or (b) expressions of a universal moral truth common to all religions. It was the latter stream from which English Freemasonry drew and from which the spiritual ethos of Oxford and Cambridge was formed.



Theosophy and other eastern occult ideas, as well as mesmerism and spiritualism, took hold within the establishment and had a marked effect on many senior figures, even among the Anglican Church:

...among the clergy of the Church of England proper, there was in the early years of this century [20th] a measurable interest in Theosophy and occult matters. - Webb, p.131

Within the establishment of the Church of England, the classical scholar Dean Inge redirected attention to the Tradition of Plotinus and those Christians who had followed him. The interest aroused by Inge's lectures at Oxford in 1899...was extensive...[he] admitted that Christian mysticism owed a debt to the Greek Mysteries. - Webb, p.276

The Druidical theories gave birth in the 19th century to a cult known as "Bardism," whose members professed the articles of faith of the Church of England, while apparently holding to some almost Gnostic tenets and celebrating rites of "a Masonic character." - Webb, p.231

This was the ethos in which Lewis himself was formed. Unorthodox Christian theology, the mythologies of Greece and Rome, the Scandinavian sagas, the medieval romances, and the ancient lore of Egypt and Babylon provided the bricks from which his religious edifice was constructed. He simply put ‘Christ’ on top, where others put Zeus or Saturn or Apollo.

The C S Lewis version of Christ

What most Christians don’t seem to realise is that this ‘Christ’ – the C S Lewis version of Christ – is not the Messiah Redeemer, but an archetypal figure revered by pagans since ancient times, the perfected man or god-man, the pinnacle of human evolution.

In light of the evidence that I present in this paper, I submit that Lewis chose Christ, rather than Apollo, say, as his god-man archetype because he wished to draw a great many others into his system of belief. While the small circle of committed pagans whom he knew and with whom he met regularly – known as the Inklings – were already in step with his philosophy, there was enormous potential for spreading his ideas by linking them directly to just one ‘mythology,’ that of Judeo-Christianity.

This is why I was surprised to learn that millions of Bible-believing Christians in the US were looking to Lewis for guidance and edification. Most members of the New Age, especially those who have read widely and met with representatives of its various branches, know that C S Lewis is simply a vehicle for drawing new converts into paganism and the New Age movement. He does this by the time-honoured method – pretend to be a friend, use the right terminology, and slowly draw your audience in another direction.

I will shortly show how he did this, in his own words. But first I’d like to quote two high-profile, former practitioners of witchcraft – John Todd and David Meyer.



Testimony from Two Former Witches

Todd is a very interesting character. He was born into an Illuminati family (one which practices traditional witchcraft and conducts clandestine, usually illegal, activities with similar families) and was initiated into an advanced level of the occult while still in his teens. He made a series of taped talks in the 1970s after his surprise conversion to Christianity. Fortunately these recordings are still available on the Internet, though Todd himself was silenced shortly thereafter by his ‘family’ for revealing far too much information. On tape 2(b) he warns his audience of born-again Christians as follows:

“How many of you read [books by] C S Lewis? How many of you read [books by] JRR Tolkien? Burn them. I’m going to repeat this – Burn them, burn them! Lewis was supposed to have been once allured [charmed into witchcraft] by Tolkien. Tolkien was supposed to be a Christian. And witches call all those books [i.e. the books of Tolkien and Lewis] their bible. They have to read them before they can be initiated, and it is well known in England and published in occult books that they both belonged to Rothschild’s private coven...They are not Christian books. We have found books that are outside of the *Screwtape Letters* where Lewis talks of the gods Diana, Kurnous and others as beings, as real gods. C. S. Lewis, who was supposed to be a Christian and his books are sold in Christian stores. Burn ‘em. They’re witchcraft books.”

David Meyer was also born into a family which practiced traditional witchcraft. According to his own testimony, while still in his teens he opened himself successfully to the demonic entities which operated through his deceased grandmother, who was also a witch. This gave him unusual occult powers which, no doubt, would have led him to a senior position in the American occult hierarchy. However, before this could happen, he was saved by the blood of Christ, became a born-again Christian and, later, a pastor.

Here is how he described the dangers posed by the disguised occult writings of C S Lewis:

“As a former witch, astrologer, and occultist who has been saved by the grace of God, I know that the works of C.S. Lewis are required reading by neophyte witches, especially in the United States and England. This includes *The Chronicles of Narnia*, because [they] teach neophyte[s], or new witches, the basic mindset of the craft...

“The story of the *Narnian Chronicle* known as *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* is one of clandestine occult mysticism and is not Sunday School material unless your Sunday School is a *de facto* witch coven...The main character of the book is a lion named Aslan, which is [derived from Arslan] the Turkish word for lion. Aslan the lion is the character that “Christian” teachers say is the Christ figure, but witches know him to be Lucifer. The lion, Aslan, appears in all seven of the books of *The Chronicles of Narnia*.”



Of course, one could ignore these warnings, possibly by doubting the occult *bona fides* of their authors. After all, how could someone as “nice” as C S Lewis be involved in anything of this nature. But believe me, some of the “nicest” people you could ever meet are practitioners of the occult. According to their philosophy, they are morally entitled to spread their beliefs in a disguised form, for the greater good of mankind.

Ask yourself the Obvious Question

Ask yourself, why do New Age and occult book stores stock the works of C S Lewis? After all, if they were remotely Christian, they would be banned!

No practitioner of the occult would associate himself (or herself) with anything that genuinely proclaimed, in any sense, the cleansing blood of Christ. It pleases them greatly to see how completely Christians have been taken in by the paganised version of Christianity which Lewis portrays in his occult fantasies. Where Christians see Aslan as a Christ figure, they know that he really represents Lucifer, the glorious sun god of witchcraft. For example, the famous Luciferian, Albert Pike, one of the most respected figures in modern Freemasonry, described Horus, the powerful Egyptian deity – whose ‘eye’ is a well-known symbol in Illuminated Freemasonry – in the following terms: “He is the son of Osiris and Isis; and is represented sitting on a throne supported by lions; the same word, in Egyptian, meaning Lion and Sun.” (*Morals and Dogma*). He also says that “The Lion was the symbol of Atom-Re, the Great God of Upper Egypt.” This is why the lion figures so prominently in the iconography of British imperialism, representing as it does the sun god and perfected man of Masonry.



The *Narnia Chronicles* are plain celebrations of white magic and its power to defeat black magic. They are occult throughout. And the number of magical ideas and pagan deities which they portray is quite extraordinary. These are dressed up and presented in such a jolly British fashion, and carefully geared towards the mind of a child, that our critical faculty fails to register the obvious – that the power of white magic and the power of Christ are NOT the same thing. Readers fall into an appalling trap when they confuse the two. However, it is precisely this confusion that Lewis is exploiting.

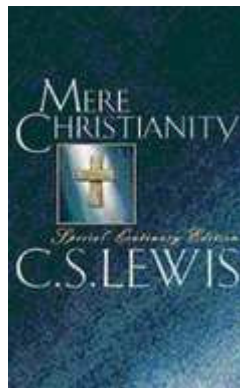
Perhaps you are thinking that, while the fiction works of C S Lewis can be construed in this way, for whatever reason, his non-fiction writings must surely provide irrefutable evidence that he was Christian to the core? Well, you are in for a big surprise.

Two Key Works by C S Lewis

Let's focus on two works which have long been regarded as exemplary expressions of his enlightened Christian theology – *Mere Christianity* (1952) and *Reflections on the Psalms* (1958). The former, I believe, has sold several million copies and is used by many born-again Christians as an evangelical tool. The latter, though less philosophical, will allow us to see how much understanding and respect Lewis had for the Word of God.

Mere Christianity

There are a number of things about the book, *Mere Christianity*, which should immediately strike any Christian as exceedingly odd. To begin with, Lewis virtually ignores the Word of God throughout. One looks in vain for a scriptural verse to support even one of his countless philosophical observations. What may seem like an eccentricity of his part in the early part of the book becomes more akin to an antipathy later on, especially when he makes one assertion after another which simply cry out for scriptural support.



Secondly, he makes no attempt whatever to relate his ideas to the work of any other scriptural authority or Bible commentator. Everything he says is suspended in a theological vacuum, supported entirely by the authority of just one individual – Mr Lewis himself. To deflect attention from this, he uses the age-old trick of soft persuasion and common sense as the basis for his many theological conclusions.

Thirdly, he pretends to 'teach' the basics of Christianity while all the time assuming that his audience already knows them. This is another literary device, whereby the writer avoids exposing any defects in his argument by inducing his readers to fill in the gaps for themselves.

This quicksilver approach is perfectly suited for his purpose. After all, we would be surprised if the author of *The Screwtape Letters* – which teach the art of deception – did not himself possess a similar skill. The difference here, however, is that instead of instructing his student (Wormwood), he is leading him into accepting ideas which have no Biblical foundation.

Preparing the Ground

The first twenty-five chapters sketch out a congenial picture of Christianity, one which is so vague and magnanimous, so soft and woolly, that virtually no-one could seriously object to it. These prepare the reader to imbibe just as willingly the toxic brew which he pours into the last eight chapters. Again, we see the consummate salesman at work, neutralising our critical faculty with endless platitudes and then passing off his glazed earthenware as Meissen china.

By the time he has reached the 'toxic brew' section of the book, the reader has been lured into accepting, or at least being open to, a host of compromising assumptions: that Christ was mainly a supremely wise and kindly man ("It is quite true that if we took Christ's advice, we should soon be living in a happier world" – p.155); the possibility of panentheism ("God is not like that. He is inside you as well as outside" – p.149); that human will is central to salvation ("Christian Love, either towards God or towards man, is an affair of the will." – p.132); that modern psychology and psychoanalysis, notably the works of Carl Jung ("great psychologist"), are fully compatible with Christianity ("But psychoanalysis itself...is not in the least contradictory to Christianity." – p.89); that the main goal of Christianity is moral perfectibility and that hell is the failure to achieve this ("Perhaps my bad temper or my jealousy are gradually getting worse – so gradually that the increase in seventy years will not be very noticeable. But it might be absolute hell in a million years: in fact, if Christianity is true, Hell is the precisely correct technical term for what it would be." – p.74); that Christian ordinances have sacramental power ("...this new life is spread not only by purely mental acts like belief, but by bodily acts like baptism and Holy Communion." – p.64); that Christ is substantially present in the communion bread ("...that mysterious action which different Christians call by different names – Holy Communion, the Mass, the Lord's Supper." – p.61); that Christ was primarily a step in the evolution of mankind ("People often ask when the next step in evolution – the step to something beyond man – will happen. But on the Christian view, it has happened already. In Christ a new kind of man appeared: and the new kind of life which began in Him is to be put into us." – p.60). And these are just a sample.

All of these propositions are in conflict with Christianity, but they are perfectly compatible with New Age philosophy. Alas, many Christians today are unable to tell the difference.

The Toxic Brew

We can now examine the toxic brew which Lewis serves up in the last eight chapters of the book.

One of the main ideas in these chapters is that the universe is suffused by an invisible spiritual energy. In an earlier part of the book he has already made a distinction between two life energies – *Bios*, the animating force in living creatures, and *Zoe*, the eternal spiritual force. "The Spiritual life which is in God from all eternity, and which made the whole natural universe, is *Zoe*." (p.159) This is developed later into the notion that both Christ and the Holy Spirit are expressions of this *Zoe*: "...we must think of the Son always, so to speak, streaming forth from the Father, like light from a lamp, or heat from a fire, or thoughts from a mind. He is the self-expression of the Father – what the Father has to say." (p.173-174). This is not Christianity, but Gnosticism and Neo-Platonism.

Practitioners of witchcraft call *Zoe* by another name – The Force. This is the same concept that is eulogised in the *Star Wars* series of movies (Hollywood is passionately dedicated to the spread of witchcraft and the destruction of Bible-based Christianity).

This energy, he says, pulsates and evolves into more profound expressions of itself: “...in Christianity God is not a static thing – not even a person – but a dynamic, pulsating activity, a life, almost a kind of drama. Almost, if you will not think me irreverent, a kind of dance.” (p.175) This dance is akin to the dance of Shiva, a key concept in Hinduism.



Note carefully – Lewis is saying that the God of Christianity is not even a person, but a pulsating drama.

He contends that the Father and the Son dance together and that this dance is such a tangible entity in itself that it produces a third person: “The union between the Father and the Son is such a live concrete thing that this union itself is also a Person.” (p.175) Anyone familiar with oriental philosophy and eastern mysticism will immediately recognise the pagan origin of Lewis’s completely non-Biblical definition of the Holy Trinity.

All of these ideas – *Zoe*, spiritual light and heat, the divine cosmic dance, pulsating union, evolution and projection – are fundamental to occult philosophy and pervade both New Age thinking and Gnosticism, as well as such paths as Theosophy, Anthroposophy and the higher degrees of Freemasonry.

Lewis develops the cosmic dance idea even further when he says: “The whole dance, or drama, or pattern of this three-Personal life is to be played out in each one of us: or (putting it the other way round) each one of us has got to enter that pattern, take his place in that dance.” (p.176) There is hardly a Hindu, a Buddhist or a Wiccan anywhere who would not be in complete agreement with this.

He goes on: “There is no other way to the happiness for which we were made...If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire...If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them...They are a great fountain of energy and beauty spurting up at the very centre of reality.” (p.176) This is precisely the kind of statement one would expect from Deepak Chopra or Shirley MacLaine. It is New Age to the core.

The ‘good infection’

How does Lewis get away with this? Simple – he turns Christ into the match that sets you on fire: “He [Christ] came into this world and became a man in order to spread to other men the kind of life He has – by what I call ‘good infection’. Every Christian is to become a little Christ.” (p.177)

This is such a gross distortion of Christianity that it makes one wonder how any Baptist preacher or Presbyterian minister could ever recommend such heresy to his flock. Lewis has turned Christ into a pagan deity like Apollo or the Hindu god, Krishna – both of whom are associated with music and dance. In fact practitioners of high level witchcraft boast that the figure which Lewis is really depicting here is Lucifer, the Light Bringer (just like Aslan in the *Narnia* series).



If you find this incredible, please persevere and we’ll examine even more evidence.

Another key concept in paganism is that of the goddess. Even though he should have had no scope whatever to smuggle in this idea, he still managed to do so. Describing the Incarnation of Christ, he says: “The result of this was that you now had one man who really was what all men were intended to be: one man in whom the created life, derived from His Mother, allowed itself to be completely and perfectly turned into the begotten life.” (p.179) Notice the subtlety with which he does this. Christ’s earthly mother becomes “His Mother,” divine vessel of the perfect man.



The next New Age concept follows hot on the heels of these ‘cosmic’ images. A central idea in occult philosophy is that all is one, a grand unified ball of consciousness. Here is how Lewis defines it in his Christianized mythology: “If you could see humanity spread out in time, as God sees it, it would not look like a lot of separate things dotted about. It would look like one single growing thing – rather like a very complicated tree. Every individual would appear connected with every other. And not only that. Individuals are not really separate from God any more than from one another.” (p.180) [See the Tree of *Zoe* on the next page]



The Tree of Life (Zoe) sacred to the Gnostics

...we can say that the set of concepts underlying this “tree” of God’s manifestations is the same as the one used by the Cabalists and in Gnostic circles, and that both Cabalists and Gnostics call it a “tree.”

- Attilio Mastrocinque
*From Jewish Magic to
Gnosticism*, 2005, p.103

Here we have the famous New Age ‘everything is connected’ philosophy. What is more, Lewis portrays this cosmic entity as a huge living organism in the process of evolving. Thus, in a few sentences, rather like a stage magician, he manages to pull a whole series of New Age ideas from his mythological hat – evolution, pantheism (or panentheism), the universal fatherhood of God and the universal brotherhood of man.

According to Lewis, Christ came along at a critical stage in this evolutionary process and set a new phase in motion: “...when Christ becomes man it is...as if something which is always affecting the human race begins, at one point, to affect the whole human mass in a new way. From that point [Christ] the effect spreads through all mankind.” (p.180-181) In other words, Christ was a perfect individual who, by the process of “good infection” mentioned earlier (p.177), transmitted his *Zoe* to the rest of the human race. And this is possible because everything is connected.

Just in case we missed the “good infection” idea, he adds: “One of our own race has this new life: if we get close to Him we shall catch it from Him.” (p.181)

This is all so bizarre, so far removed from Biblical Christianity, that it beggars belief.

Some more Occult Principles

The remainder of the book is a consolidation of these ideas. But even while doing this he can’t resist dropping in a few more occult principles. One of these is the principle universally accepted in both witchcraft and Masonry that everything exists in terms of its opposite. According to Lewis “He [the devil] always sends errors into the world in pairs – pairs of opposites.” (p.186)



They believe the universe comprises both good and evil in equal measure and that it is the task of the initiate to learn how to balance these two aspects of The Force and thereby create one's own reality. This concept, that everything exists in pairs of opposites, is not found or even suggested anywhere in the Bible, but it permeates occult philosophy. For example, it is why witchcraft comprises both 'good' witches and 'bad' witches. Each accepts the need for the other, since The Force must stay in balance.

The idea that The Force can be moulded, using will and imagination, to create one's own reality is central to the occult. A falsehood can become a truth, or a mask a face, if one uses the right techniques. Lewis even provides a platform for this idea when he says: "The other story is about someone who had to wear a mask; a mask which made him look much nicer than he really was. He had to wear it for years. And when he took it off he found his own face had grown to fit it. He was now really beautiful. What had begun as disguise had become a reality." (p.187)

He then urges the reader to use another, related occult principle, known as the 'As if' principle. This states that if an idea is held long enough, and with sufficient feeling and identification, it will eventually become a reality. One is living 'as if' the goal had already been achieved. Here is how Lewis employs it in his fake Christianity to distort the Lord's Prayer: "Its very first words are *Our Father*. Do you now see what those words mean? They mean quite frankly, that you are putting yourself in the place of a son of God. To put it bluntly, you are *dressing up as Christ*. If you like, you are pretending." (p.187-188)

He then tries to present this gradual transformation, this evolutionary process, in Biblical terms: "And now we begin to see what it is that the New Testament is always talking about. It talks about Christians 'being born again'; it talks about them 'putting on Christ'; about Christ 'being formed in us'; about coming to 'have the mind of Christ'." (p.191)

The man is utterly shameless. The verses he is alluding to have no connection whatever with the occult process he is proposing. There is a vast chasm between the born-again experience of Christianity, as outlined for example in St Paul's epistles, and the alchemical transmutation which Lewis is describing. But of course, he wants to convince the reader that there is since it would mark a major step in the paganisation of Christianity.

The New Age Ascended Master

How many millions of Christians, having read this toxic brew, have been lured into the embrace of the New Age Christ, the fallen angel who masquerades as Jesus, the Ascended Master, on the 'inner planes' and works with the followers of all religions to bring enlightenment, wisdom and love? As St Paul said, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light." (2 Corinthians 11:13-14)

Lewis sees this process of transmutation leading all the way to what the New Agers call god-realization, where Christ turns man himself into a god by “killing the old natural self in you and replacing it with the kind of self He has. At first, only for moments. Then for longer periods. Finally, if all goes well, turning you permanently into a different sort of thing; into a new little Christ, a being which, in its own small way, has the same kind of life as God; which shares in His power, joy, knowledge and eternity.” (p.191-192)

Lest there be any doubt that he does actually mean we are turning into little gods and goddesses, he says:

“He will make the feeblest and filthiest of us into a god or goddess, a dazzling, radiant, immortal creature, pulsating all through with such energy and joy and wisdom and love as we cannot now imagine, a bright stainless mirror which reflects back to God perfectly (though, of course, on a smaller scale) His own boundless power and delight and goodness.” (p.206)

In the occult such a perfected person is known as a god-man, an adept, a magus, or Illuminatus. He is deemed to be a law unto himself and can travel consciously in the “higher worlds” while still living on earth. Many senior Masons and Rosicrucians, among others, believe they have reached this state. They don’t understand that Satan is able to project his false light into the minds of his victims and deceive them into thinking that something truly spiritual has occurred.



This promise of Mastership or God-Realization is exactly the enticement that Satan used to deceive Eve in the Garden of Eden. It is an ancient philosophy, but it’s not Christianity. It is profoundly Luciferian and has been designed by him to lure men to their destruction. Christ warned of this terrible danger when he said: “And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” (Matthew 10:28)

As an out-and-out universalist, Lewis does not agree with Jesus. Rather, he believes that everyone will be saved eventually, regardless of whether or not they have found Christ. This idea – that no-one can be lost and that everyone will evolve into a higher state eventually – is common in the occult. They generally believe that can be achieved only through reincarnation, though Lewis stops short of espousing this particular concept.

As a universalist, he believes that ‘Christ’ is gradually drawing people into alignment with himself, thereby enabling them to qualify for salvation: “There are people in other religions who are being led by God’s secret influence to concentrate on those parts of their religion which are in agreement with Christianity, and who thus belong to Christ without knowing it.” (p.209)

Lewis is a wolf in sheep’s clothing, a false prophet who has done untold damage to true Christianity. As a hidden or disguised wolf – *lupus occultus* – he works his way into the minds and hearts of his readers, many of whom are children, and sows a handful of occult seeds from a bag labelled ‘Christianity.’ And his fleece is so soft and cuddly that no-one would ever suspect he’s a double-agent.



The Process of Evolution

The process of evolution itself will undergo change, according to Lewis. In place of the mechanical evolution which operated in the past, both man and animals will advance into a higher stage as more *Zoe* comes into the world via the growing number of god-realized individuals that live here and then spreads out to infect others: “...I should expect the next stage in Evolution not to be a stage in Evolution at all: should expect that Evolution itself as a method of producing change will be superseded ...Already the new men are dotted here and there all over the earth. Some, as I have admitted, are still hardly recognisable: but others can be recognised.” (p.220 and 223)

This is actually a core tenet of Masonry, Theosophy and many occult paths. These Adepts, Masters or Supermen are said to be operating incognito, moving quietly among the masses of mankind, dispensing their spiritual blessings and lifting natural man into a higher level of consciousness.

What can one say about all of this? How on earth did Lewis manage pass off all this occult nonsense as Christianity? He clearly knew what he was doing. It is reasonable to surmise that in his regular meetings with his Inklings friends at Oxford, he was testing out his ideas and seeking their opinions. This would enable him to determine just how far he could go without arousing suspicions. These lifelong confidants were all avid students of the occult, especially JRR Tolkien, Charles Williams and Owen Barfield.

Charles Williams
occult practitioner



Owen Barfield
occult practitioner



Williams had actually been a member of the Golden Dawn, a group dedicated to the study of advanced witchcraft. Its membership included Aleister Crowley, one of the most Satanic black adepts of the 20th century. Lewis was also greatly influenced by Owen Barfield whom he described as “the best and wisest of my unofficial teachers.” Barfield was an internationally recognised authority on Anthroposophy, an occult offshoot of Theosophy founded by the Austrian magus, Rudolph Steiner, in 1912. He even co-authored several books with Steiner. Like Madame Blavatsky, Steiner taught that Lucifer, the Light Bearer, was the true instructor in the divine mysteries.

Aleister Crowley
Black Magician



Rudolph Steiner
Occult Magus



Given that he was inviting high level occult practitioners into his personal circle, and that they in turn were closely associated with some of the most Lucifer-imbued people of the 20th century, there can be no doubt that Lewis himself was heavily exposed to demonic influences.

He would have found it hard to resist these dark influences even if he had wanted to. A fascination with the occult had taken hold of him in his childhood and, by his own admission, had stayed with him throughout his life:

“And that started in me something with which, on and off, I have had plenty of trouble since – the desire for the preternatural, simply as such, the passion for the Occult. Not everyone has this disease; those who have will know what I mean...I once tried to describe it in a novel. It is a spiritual lust; and like the lust of the body it has the fatal power of making everything else in the world seem uninteresting while it lasts.”

(*Surprised by Joy*, C S Lewis, Harcourt Brace, 1955, pages 58-60.)

Reflections on the Psalms

The second non-fiction work that I propose to examine is *Reflections on the Psalms*. Lewis published this in 1958, just five years before his death. He really let his fleece slip when writing this work. Again and again he makes statements which, had they been made earlier in his career, would have revealed his true antipathy to Christianity. Perhaps he felt so secure in his reputation that he saw no need for the clever misdirection which he had used to such good effect in *Mere Christianity*.

One of the first things that strikes the reader is the extraordinary arrogance of his tone when discussing the Psalms. When one thinks of the great Bible commentators like Matthew Henry, C H Spurgeon, Arthur Pink, Matthew Poole, and others, who speak with undiminished reverence for these wonderful works, it is extraordinary to see how disrespectful Lewis proves to be. Even though I already knew his ‘game,’ I found his flippancy quite breathtaking.

He starts with the ‘imprecatory’ Psalms, namely those in which the Psalmist asks the LORD to deal firmly with his enemies. Lewis regards these Psalms as clear evidence that the authors were not nearly as enlightened or as spiritual as we are today:

“The reaction of the Psalmists to injury, though profoundly natural, is profoundly wrong. One may try to excuse it on the ground that they were not Christians and knew no better.” (p.22)

Lest we imagine that this was just an isolated instance of his spleen, he also says:

“Still more in the Psalmists’ tendency to chew over and over the cud of some injury, to dwell in a kind of self-torture on every circumstance that aggravates it, most of us can recognise something we have met in ourselves. We are, after all, blood-brothers of these ferocious, self-pitying, barbaric men.” (p.20)

Regarding verse 5 of Psalm 23 (“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies”), he says:

“This may not be so diabolical as the passages I have quoted above; but the pettiness and vulgarity of it, especially in such surroundings, are hard to endure. One way of dealing with these terrible (dare we say?) contemptible Psalms is simply to leave them alone.” (p.18)

Remember, he is speaking here about Psalm 23, one of the best-loved of all the Psalms.

Note the number of derogatory terms he employs to express his utter disregard for the Word of God – diabolical, pettiness, vulgarity, terrible, contemptible. What is more, he says that, in his opinion, some of the Psalms are even more “diabolical”.

But he doesn’t stop there:

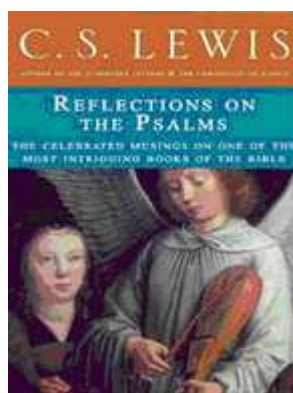
“At the outset I felt sure, and I feel sure still, that we must not either try to explain them away or to yield for one moment to the idea that, because it comes in the Bible, all this vindictive hatred must somehow be good and pious. We must face both facts squarely. The hatred is there – festering, gloating, undisguised – and also we should be wicked if we in any way condoned or approved it...” (p.19)

This is quite incredible. As my daughters might say, This guy has really lost it. He is dismissing the authors of the ‘imprecatory’ Psalms – who must have included David – as men consumed by “vindictive hatred” – “festering, gloating, undisguised.”

Speaking of pagan writers from the same era, he says:

“I can find in them lasciviousness, much brutal insensibility, cold cruelties taken for granted, but not this fury or luxury of hatred ... One’s first impression is that the Jews were much more vindictive and vitriolic than the Pagans.” (p.23)

Is this is the kind of pseudo-Christian material which Baptist, Presbyterian and Evangelical pastors, among others, are recommending to their churches? Sadly, yes.



The Pharisaic Psalmists

Even when he leaves the 'imprecatory' Psalms, he is relentless in his mission to highlight what he perceives as the self-righteousness, even wickedness, of the Psalmists:

“...an extremely dangerous, almost a fatal, game. It leads straight to ‘Pharisaism’ in the sense which Our Lord’s own teaching has given to that word. It leads not only to the wickedness but to the absurdity of those who in later times came to be called the ‘unco guid’ [i.e. the rigidly righteous]. This I assume from the outset, and I think that even in the Psalms this evil is already at work.” (p.56-57)

Lewis does not accept that the Psalms, or even the Bible itself, is the directly inspired Word of God. It can only be said to be the Word of God to the extent that it happens to culminate, after a long process of evolution through earlier pagan cultures, in the myth known as Christianity.

“Every good teacher, within Judaism as without, has anticipated Him [Jesus]. The whole religious history of the pre-Christian world, on its better side, anticipates Him. It could not be otherwise. The Light which has lightened every man from the beginning may shine more clearly but cannot change.” (p.23)

Lewis believes that the light which shone through Jesus was already in the world in pagan times, operating through pagan cultures and belief systems, but in an attenuated form. Gradually, over time it evolved to the point where it could find full expression in one particular culture, the Jewish culture, but it could just as easily have reached that stage in another culture had circumstances been a little different.

He claims that the Egyptian *Hymn to the Sun*, written by the Pharaoh Amenhetep IV (also known as Akhenaten) in the 14th century BC “provides a fairly close parallel to Psalm 104”:

“Whatever was true in Akhenaten’s creed came to him, in some mode or other, as all truth comes to all men, from God. There is no reason why traditions descending from Akhenaten should not have been among the instruments which God used in making Himself known to Moses.” (p.73-74)



Akhenaten

He hints at the possibility, but says it would be rash to assume, that “if only the priests and people of Egypt had accepted it [Akhenaten’s monotheism], God could have dispensed with Israel altogether and revealed Himself to us henceforward through a long line of Egyptian prophets.” (p.75)

These remarks display such a flagrant misunderstanding of the Bible and God’s plan of Redemption, such a fundamental ignorance of all that the LORD sought to achieve through the children of Israel, that they take one’s breath away.

Pagan Light

Jesus said he was the Light of the world – “Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.” (John 8:12). There is no other supernatural light – none whatever – except the false light of Lucifer, the so-called Light Bearer. Jesus warned of the dangers posed by this false light when he said:

The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! (Matthew 6:22-23)

Lewis wants us to believe that the Light of Christ was evident in the ‘true’ elements of pagan religions. But this is not what the Bible teaches. Rather it states clearly and repeatedly that all pagan religions are false and that the children of Israel were to have no association with them whatever. They weren’t even to acquire a theoretical knowledge of their precepts and practices.

He claims that this ‘light’ informed the minds and hearts of pagan cultures and enabled them to identify disparate elements of Biblical truth. These truth-bearing stories were told and re-told over and over again, changing along the way in response to “pressure from God,” and then appropriated and recorded by the Hebrew prophets:

“I have therefore no difficulty in accepting, say, the view of those scholars who tell us that the account of Creation in Genesis is derived from earlier Semitic stories which were Pagan and mythical.” (p.95)

“What the teller, or last re-teller, of Genesis would have said if we had asked him why he brought...[a particular] episode in or where he had got it from, I do not know. I think, as I have explained, that a pressure from God lay upon these tellings and re-tellings.” (p.106-107)

“Generalising thus, I take it that the whole Old Testament consists of the same sort of material as any other literature...[chronicles, poems, diatribes, romances] ... but all taken into the service of God’s word.” (p.96)

We should pause here for a moment and reflect on the precise implications of what he is saying. The inspiration of the Hebrew prophets and the light which filled their understanding was exactly the same inspiration and the same light which shaped the myths and stories of pagan cultures. The only distinctive contribution made by the Hebrew prophets was the providential role they played in fitting all of these truths into a coherent religious framework. Thus the Bible is not the unique Word of God but merely a work of literature that happens to function in “the service of God’s word.”

Lewis rejects Biblical Prophecy

Lewis is clearly rejecting both the inerrancy and the unconditional authority of the Bible. He has already attacked some of the Psalms as “diabolical” and “contemptible.” A more damning dismissal of divine inspiration would hardly seem possible, but he doesn’t stop there. Since the prophetic power of the Bible has been cited from time immemorial as clear proof of its uniquely divine origin, he proceeds to attack this aspect as well.

For example, Isaiah 53 is universally regarded among Christians as a truly wonderful prophecy about the Messiah, yet in a patronising parenthetical comment he compares it to the work of J W Dunne, a modern psychic:

“(Our ancestors would have thought that Isaiah consciously foresaw the sufferings of Christ as people see the future in the sort of dreams recorded by Mr Dunne. Modern scholars would say, that on the conscious level, he was referring to Israel itself, the whole nation personified. I do not see that it matters which view we take.)” (p.102)

He then goes on to suggest that whenever Jesus identified himself with the Messiah foretold in the supposedly prophetic passages in the Old Testament, he is merely exploiting an incidental similarity for educational purposes. The passages themselves were not actually prophetic, merely useful. He even suggests that this holds for “the sufferer in Psalm 22” (p.102).

He berates modern Christians who use the Psalms to find allegorical meanings, like the Incarnation, the Passion, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and the Redemption of man:

“All the Old Testament has been treated in the same way. The full significance of what the writers are saying is, on this view, apparent only in the light of events which happened after they were dead. Such a doctrine, not without reason, arouses deep distrust in a modern mind. Because, as we know, almost anything can be read into any book if you are determined enough. This will be especially impressed on anyone who has read fantastic fiction.” (p.85)

His sweeping dismissal of Biblical prophecy is almost triumphant in tone.

C S Lewis



Lewis rejects the Praise of the LORD

Lewis also has great difficulty with the strong scriptural emphasis on praising the LORD. He found it both “especially troublesome” and “extremely distressing”:

“The Psalms were especially troublesome in this way...Worse still was the statement put into God’s own mouth, ‘whoso offereth me thanks and praise, he honoureth me’ (50:23). It was hideously like saying, ‘What I most want is to be told that I am good and great.’...More than once the Psalmists seemed to be saying, ‘You like praise. Do this for me, and you shall have some.’... It was extremely distressing. It made one think what one least wanted to think. Gratitude to God, reverence to Him, obedience to Him, I thought I could understand; not this perpetual eulogy.” (p.77-78)

This is an extraordinary claim by Lewis. He is virtually accusing the Psalmists of idol worship. In fact he calls it “...the very silliest Pagan bargaining, that of the savage who makes offerings to his idol...” (p.78)

The idea that man should be obliged in any sense to praise God is extremely offensive to Lewis. He proceeds to come up with a solution to this “problem” by saying that it can only be legitimate when it is conducted on a par with the admiration one has for a work of art or an object found in nature:

“...many objects both in Nature and in Art may be said to deserve, or merit, or demand, admiration. It was from this end, which will seem to some irreverent, that I found it best to approach the idea that God ‘demands’ praise.” (p.79)

He then goes on to define God as “the supremely beautiful and all-satisfying Object.” (p.79). In other words, God is to be “admired” in the same way that a person admires one of His creations. Incredibly, Lewis himself is advocating idolatry – the giving of praise to any created thing which ought to be given only to God.

And when the Psalmists tell everyone to praise God, according to Lewis, they are really doing what any atheist does when he speaks highly of something he admires or cares about. This is true even when they claim to delight in the Law, for which he accuses them of spiritual pride – in addition to the pedantry and conceit that were already evident:

“The Psalmists in telling everyone to praise God are doing what all men do when they speak of what they care about.” (p.81)

“...what an ancient Jew meant when he said he ‘delighted in the Law’ was very like what one of us would mean if he said that somebody ‘loved’ history, or physics, or archaeology...the danger of spiritual pride is added to that of mere ordinary pedantry and conceit.” (p.48)

Some Closing Heresies

His extraordinary attack upon the sovereignty of God is consistent with the pagan view that God is in some sense still evolving, just like His creation. Even the things that God has created are somehow deficient and must “evolve” in order to reach their intended perfection. Man is still an animal, a primate striving to transcend his earthly limitations:

“On the ordinary biological view (what difficulties I have about evolution are not religious) one of the primates is changed so that he becomes a man; but he remains still a primate and an animal.” (p.99-100)

How should one reconcile this with the atoning blood of Christ which removed all condemnation from the believer in the eyes of the Father? It turns out that Lewis does not believe in the atoning blood of Christ. For him, the death and resurrection constituted a Jungian archetype, the fulfilment of an ancient pre-Christian myth in which all mankind participates and draws benefit:

“If Christ ‘tasted death for all men’, became the archetypal sufferer, then the expressions of all who ever suffered in the world are, from the very nature of things, related to His.” (p.110)

This use of Christianity as merely a means of bringing ancient pagan truths into fulfilment, a kind of capstone on a pagan pyramid as it were, is further exemplified in the way he turns the marriage of the Bridegroom (Christ) with His bride (the Church) into the archetypal pagan union of the god and the goddess:

“...the god as bridegroom, his ‘holy marriage’ with the goddess, is a recurrent theme and a recurrent ritual in many forms of Paganism...Christ, in transcending, and thus abrogating, also fulfils, both Paganism and Judaism...” (p.112)

	Beliefs / Theology	C S Lewis	Born-again Christian
1	The Bible is inerrant	no	YES
2	The Bible is the inspired word of God	no	YES
3	The Bible is the only source of God's truth	no	YES
4	The Bible is a literal document	no	YES
5	The Bible is prophetic	no	YES
6	Evolution is false	no	YES
7	The Holy Spirit is exclusively a person	no	YES
8	Christ atoned for our sins	no	YES
9	Christ alone is the Light of the world	no	YES
10	God is to be praised above any created thing	no	YES
11	Natural man is in complete condemnation before God	no	YES
12	Pagan religions are false	no	YES
13	Sacraments are <i>not</i> required for salvation	no	YES
14	Works are <i>not</i> required for salvation	no	YES
15	Being born-again is an event, not a process	no	YES
16	Hell is an actual place	no	YES
17	The salvation of a born-again Christian is secure	no	YES
18	Purgatory is a false concept	no	YES
19	Praying for the dead is necromancy	no	YES
20	White magic is evil	no	YES
21	God is outside man	no	YES
22	God is outside the world	no	YES
23	God created man in the garden of Eden	no	YES
24	God's Creation was originally perfect	no	YES
25	The Psalmists were righteous men	no	YES

Conclusion

It should be fairly obvious that C S Lewis was never a Christian, that, like most pagans, he harboured a deep animosity towards true Christianity, and furthermore, that he sought to undermine it by stealthily presenting it in a paganised form.



The table above shows how wide a chasm exists between the occult views of C S Lewis and the beliefs held to be essential by a born-again Christian. The table may not even be complete since there are many other areas where Lewis departs from true Biblical theology. For example, in his essay, *The Abolition of Man*, he argues at length that all morality is founded in the Tao, an ancient Chinese concept denoting the dualistic harmony of the universe. Also, there are numerous Christian concepts and beliefs which Lewis does not address in any meaningful way, perhaps because, if he had, his real agenda would have become apparent.

Even if one managed to amass enough evidence from the total corpus of his writings to contest two or three of the 25 beliefs set out in the table, one is still left with ample proof that Lewis was not a Christian and never had been.

The next step should also be obvious – none of the books by C S Lewis should be sold in Christian bookstores, no born-again pastor or preacher should ever again endorse this apostate writer, and all churches which have hitherto endorsed his writings should hasten to warn their flocks.

Finally, I have one word for all those Christian pastors and preachers who have strongly endorsed this apostate, pseudo-Christian writer – ***Shame.***

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Speaking in Tongues – An Unscriptural and Potentially Dangerous Practice

by Jeremy James

This paper strives to give an objective analysis of the Pentecostal/Charismatic practice of speaking in tongues. I had no doctrinal position in the matter before carrying out this review. However, my findings were so disturbing that I felt it was necessary to share them with my fellow Christians, as well as ‘seekers’ who may be attending Christian meetings where ‘tongues’ are spoken.

At the outset I should acknowledge that, from the various sources I have examined, speaking in tongues is a very sensitive issue among Christians. Practitioners greatly resent any criticism of the practice, while many non-practitioners regard it as harmful. It is certainly a topic which gives rise to highly polarised views. This in itself would suggest that all parties should familiarise themselves, as much as possible, with the scriptural basis for the practice and think the issue through very carefully. The reason for this ought to be obvious – if speaking in tongues is scriptural, then it ought to be a standard part of Christian worship; however, if it is not scriptural, then it is potentially harmful to anyone who indulges in it and should be abandoned.

Background

Firstly I should say a little about my own background. I was a Roman Catholic for 19 years and a very active participant in the New Age movement for 33 years when, in 2008, I came to Christ. One thing that struck me as I got to know other Christians was the extent to which Christianity today is infected with New Age beliefs and concepts. It turns out that many of the lies I left behind are actually being adopted by Christians and incorporated into their spiritual lives.

While the branch of the New Age movement in which I was involved did not include speaking in tongues, I was struck by the incredibly close similarity between Christian ‘tongues’ and various Shamanic and pagan religious practices where rhythmic chanting and trance vocalisation are employed. There was also a disturbing parallel between the ‘spirit filled’ state of a Christian tongue-speaker, who didn’t understand what he was saying, and the ‘spirit filled’ state of a trance medium.

Furthermore, from my exposure to the New Age over 33 years, I also knew that the supernatural realm is buzzing with entities which are constantly on the look out for some way to attach themselves to humans. Once they get attached, they feed off their hosts like invisible parasites, causing emotional, psychological and many other problems. Some of these entities (or ‘demons’) are more pernicious than others, so if one is unfortunate enough to tangle with one of the more dangerous kind, the adverse effects can be very unsettling and could persist for years, perhaps even a lifetime.

A Baptist Minister Speaks Out

In the course of my research I came across a very revealing article by an Australian Baptist Minister who, from long experience, saw fit to make the following arresting observations:

Among the great delusions that are spreading today, there is none more subtle or more dangerous than modern-day tongues. It has been my experience over many years to observe that out of the masses of people coming under the influence of the tongues phenomena, very few escape without serious emotional and spiritual damage to themselves and their families...

I and others have been testing tongues in Australia for some years. In fact, there are men personally known to me who have been testing them for over 20 years and none of us has ever yet found a genuine gift of Biblical Tongues. When the spirit using the tongue is commanded to identify itself, in 95% of cases, a demon answers...The other 5% have prove[d] to be psychosomatic.

[Bryce Hartin, *Today's Tongues*, 1987, Third Edition 1993]

If Pastor Hartin is correct, then this chilling assessment of the 'tongues' phenomenon ought to be of great concern to all Bible-believing Christians.

The Spiritual Purpose of Tongues

In order to understand what tongues are, we need to know what purpose they served in God's plan of Redemption. While the phenomenon itself occurs only in the New Testament, there is actually a very significant reference to it in the Old Testament:

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. (Isaiah 28:11) [KJV]

Young's Literal Translation is even more revealing:

For by scorned lip, and by another tongue, Doth He speak unto this people. (Isaiah 28:11)

This prophetic passage refers to the gospel, the message of the Messiah, which "this people" (the Jews) will refuse to hear, even when it is revealed to them in "another tongue" (foreign language). This refusal is confirmed by Isaiah in the next verse:

To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. (Isaiah 28:12)

This is actually an astonishing prophecy whose significance has often been overlooked. For example, John Walvoord's *Every Prophecy of the Bible* does not identify it. And yet it specifically says that a time would come when the Jews would hear the "refreshing" word of the Messiah, spoken to them in a foreign language, and they would reject it.

We should now ask ‘Why would the LORD want to preach the words of the Messiah to the Jews in a foreign language?’ The answer holds the whole key to the gift of tongues.

Let’s look at the historical circumstances in which the Jewish nation evolved. They were a people set apart. Their God, Yahweh, was utterly different from the god of any other people. All foreigners, without exception, were pagans, heathen idolators who lived under a curse. They did not have the God of the Jews. The unfounded assumption they were making, however, was that foreigners would *never* have (or be accepted by) the God of the Jews.

This attitude, which permeated the whole of traditional rabbinical thinking and the Jewish community at large, is demonstrated in the most remarkable way in the story of the prophet Jonah. The LORD called him to warn a pagan nation – the people of Ninevah – of an impending calamity. Unless they repented of their ways, their city would be destroyed. Jonah was extremely unhappy with this directive and tried to avoid carrying it out. To him it was simply unthinkable that the God of Israel should take any interest whatever in the welfare of a pagan people.

Even after the LORD dragged him to Ninevah, where he delivered his message, he sat outside the city, waiting daily for its destruction – a prospect he relished. And when it didn’t happen, he was very angry!

This may seem like an unusually hard attitude to us today, but it highlighted the exclusive ownership which the Jewish people felt they exercised over Yahweh. He was *their* God, and theirs alone.

This turned out to be a major problem when the Apostles began to preach the Gospel to the Jews. Naturally, virtually all of the initial members of the early Church were Jews. But they carried with them exactly the same attitude that had been fiercely held by the children of Israel for centuries. In their view, the Church should remain exclusively Jewish. The idea that gentiles – pagans, foreigners – should be allowed to join was repellant to many of them. Even the Apostles struggled with this and, as the Book of Acts reveals, they may have confined the Church to the circumcised (the Jews) had not Paul of Tarsus come along and convinced them that Christ died for the whole world, and not just the Jews.

Paul might have made no progress if, when he presented his case, the early Christians (all of whom were Jews) had not already observed something which had astounded them, namely speaking in tongues – the very sign which Isaiah had prophesied. They had witnessed the Holy Spirit speaking the Word of God in the language of pagans. This could only mean that God was inviting gentiles into His fold.

At this stage of our analysis we need to get down to specifics and see where exactly tongues were used in the New Testament and what conditions, if any, needed to be fulfilled before they could be used.

Specific Occasions when Tongues are used in the New Testament

Speaking in tongues is mentioned in 5 separate places in the New Testament, as follows:

1. Mark 16:17
2. Acts 10:46
3. Acts 19:6
4. Acts 2:1-12
5. 1 Corinthians 12-14

Let's examine each in turn:

1. Mark 16:15-17

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (Mark 16:15-17)

Christ never spoke in tongues, but here he is saying that those who “believe” (his disciples) will go “into all the world” and “speak with new tongues.” This would strongly suggest that the “tongues” in question were the languages spoken in other parts of the world. The original Greek word for “tongues” is *glossa*, which means languages. These are actual languages, not made-up languages, heavenly languages, or mystical languages. This would also suggest that the gift of speaking in tongues would serve, at least in some instances, as a way of getting around the language barrier when spreading the Gospel. After all, none of the New Testament had been written when Christ spoke these words.

2. Acts 10:46

While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision [i.e. *Jews*] which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? (Acts 10:44-47)

This is the marvelous occasion when the first Gentile – Cornelius – is baptised. The Jewish Christians who were present were “astonished” because they had never imagined that the Holy Spirit would enter non-Jews. This meant the God of Israel was declaring Himself the God of all nations and not just the Jews. And how did they know for sure that the Holy Spirit had entered these Gentiles? Because they heard them speaking in tongues. Speaking in tongues was a sign to the Jews that Yahweh was accepting people from all races, tribes, peoples and tongues.

3. Acts 19:6

Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. (Acts 19:4-7)

This was the occasion when, on a visit to Ephesus, Paul came upon 12 or so Jews who had been baptised many years before by John the Baptist. Since that was not the Christian baptism, Paul proceeded to baptise them. When the Holy Spirit entered them, they too began to speak in tongues. All Jews who were present were again left in no doubt that the Holy Spirit had entered these men. Furthermore they could hear these converts speaking inspired words Truth (they “prophesied”) in a non-Jewish language. This was clear confirmation that Yahweh was telling the world that He was not just the God of the Jews, but of all races and peoples and nations.

Now let's take what we've learned so far and see how it applies to the best known example of tongues, that of Pentecost:

4. Acts 2:1-12

- ¹ And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
- ⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven.
- ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.
- ⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans?
- ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?
- ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
- ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
- ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.
- ¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Consider some facts: The people who heard the tongues were all Jews who had come to Jerusalem from foreign parts to participate in the festival of Shavuot, when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. As Jews they spoke the language common to Jews at that time, thus they had no need of “tongues” to understand the Gospel. Nevertheless, the Holy Spirit spoke words of Truth through the mouths of the disciples in the language of the geographical region from which each of the Jewish visitors had come (As residents in these regions, the visitors knew the regional language or tongue). The languages listed, 16 or so, were Gentile languages. So these Jews were hearing praise to Yehweh, the God of Israel, in a pagan tongue – something they could never expect to witness in their wildest dreams!

Just think, within minutes of the Holy Spirit coming into the world to dwell in the hearts of men, He was speaking to the gentiles.

This was one of the signs that Jesus spoke about in Mark 16, and it was the same sign that Isaiah spoke about some 600 years earlier (Isaiah 28:11).

A crucial point to note is that speaking in tongues was **not** used to communicate the Gospel. The disciples spoke actual earthly languages, namely the 16 or so listed, but they could as easily have used the language common to all Jews at that time (Aramaic) – which virtually all of the visitors would have known.

Before proceeding to examine the doctrine of tongues as explained by Paul in First Corinthians, let’s summarise what we have found so far:

- o Speaking in tongues only occurs in the presence of Jews;
- o Speaking in tongues is a sign unto the Jews;
- o Speaking in tongues involves the use of actual earthly languages;
- o The sense of what is spoken is in all cases understood by the speaker.

This last point may be inferred quite naturally from the various instances cited in Scripture. If the speakers were using human language, albeit one they had not learned, it is only reasonable to assume that they understood the *meaning* of what they were saying. It would make no sense, given the cases cited in Scripture and the statement of Christ in Mark 16, for the individuals concerned to be ignorant of the meaning of their words. If a person says something in a foreign language which he has mastered academically, he knows what is being said. Equally, speech in a supernaturally imbued language must be just as intelligible to the speaker – otherwise the Holy Spirit would have failed to fulfil the prophecy made by Christ in Mark 16.

Now let’s examine Paul’s doctrine of tongues and see if our findings so far are consistent with what he has to say.

Background to 1 Corinthians

In order to understand Paul’s comments about tongues in 1 Corinthians, we need to understand his overall purpose in writing the Letter. He had been informed that the Christians in Corinth had departed in many respects from the doctrinal precepts that he had given them and he now wanted to get them back on track. It is clear from various comments he makes in the course of the Letter that the Corinthian church was far from satisfactory in the way it conducted its affairs. They were abusing their spiritual gifts, engaging in immoral practices, and suffering from “envyings, and strife, and divisions” (3:3)

Thus his comments in relation to tongues are designed to correct misunderstandings among them and to ensure that henceforth they adopt only the strict doctrinal position in the exercise of tongues.

The attached **Appendix** sets out the full text of chapters 12, 13 and 14 of 1 Corinthians, where all references to tongues and the interpretation of tongues are highlighted.

We'll now proceed to 'dissect' what Paul is telling us and try to establish the correct doctrinal position. We will also see to what extent he confirms what we have already found in our examination of Isaiah, Mark and Acts.

Doctrinal observation #1

In chapter 12 he explains that there is a diversity of spiritual gifts and that these are distributed within the church. Thus we must conclude that the gift of speaking in tongues could be possessed by only *some* members of the church.

Doctrinal observation #2

Chapter 12 also mentions the interpretation of tongues as a spiritual gift. It would be a serious mistake to conclude, as some have, that this refers to the interpretation of the words spoken by a person who is exercising the gift of tongues. Paul is speaking here about two separate spiritual gifts. The gift of interpretation relates to the translation of a sermon or inspired utterance from a naturally learned language into the language of one or more persons in the congregation, where the interpreter himself does not naturally possess both languages. Either he understands the speaker by miraculous means, or he can translate the message by speaking in tongues.

The description of tongues on Pentecost makes it quite clear that, when a person speaks in tongues, everyone hears him in his own language. It would be nonsensical to infer that what a person says while speaking in tongues would, on occasion, need to be interpreted by another person with the gift of interpretation. This would imply that a gift of the Spirit was not sufficient for its purpose.

We can therefore conclude that the gift of interpreting a foreign language is completely separate and distinct from the gift of speaking in tongues. They may both be exercised in the same forum but not in relation to the same utterance.

Doctrinal observation #3

Verse 13:1 ("Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.") is sometimes taken to mean that Paul is referring here to an angelic language. Sometimes those who adopt this position then try to argue that such a language would by definition be unintelligible to human ears. Thus if someone, while speaking in tongues, were to speak the so-called angelic language, he could not be understood by men.

There are serious flaws in this argument. Firstly it is completely inconsistent with other parts of Scripture, where the language spoken by a person speaking in tongues (or the language heard by one or more members of the congregation) is an actual, intelligible language.

There is also a problem with the Greek word *angelos*, which is translated “angels” in many modern Bibles, including the KJV. Its literal meaning is “messengers.” It is only translated “angels” where the context so requires, which is not the case here. Perhaps a more accurate rendering of *angelos* in this context is “pastors” or “preachers” – as indicated in Strong’s Concordance. This would be fully consistent with the rest of the Letter which concerns the proper conduct of the congregation at Corinth, which includes the pastor and preachers. (The word ‘evangelist’ also derives from *angelos*, since an evangelist is a messenger of truth.)

An “angelic” language, in this instance, would also conflict with those parts of Scripture where, in any communication between angels and men, the exchange was always conducted in an intelligible language, namely that of the human party.

There is also a further logical flaw with the “angelic” argument. Men do not require an angelic language in order to be understood by angels.

Thus, having regard to the serious flaws in the “angelic” argument, as well as the clear references elsewhere in Scripture to tongues as intelligible human languages, we can safely conclude that Paul is not suggesting for a moment in chapter 13 that a speaker of tongues could, in certain circumstances, communicate something that his listeners could not readily understand.

Doctrinal observation #4

- ⁸ Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be **tongues**, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.
- ⁹ For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
- ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (1 Corinthians 13:8-10)

In chapter 12 of 1 Corinthians, Paul lists nine gifts of the Holy Spirit – wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracle working, prophecy, discernment of spirits, speaking in tongues, and the interpretation of tongues. But in verses 8-9 he states specifically that three of them will pass away when “that which is perfect is come” (verse 10). That which is perfect is the complete Word of God, the Bible. At the time Paul was writing, the Bible was still “that which is in part,” namely incomplete. The 3 revelatory gifts which he says will pass away are the very three that are needed to complete the Bible – divinely revealed knowledge, prophecy, and the revelations given through the speaking of tongues.

This is a major pronouncement by Paul. The gift of tongues is temporary. He knew it was scheduled to pass away once the final book of the Bible had been written. After that, Christians should not expect to witness anyone speaking in tongues.

Doctrinal observation #5

- ¹ Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.
- ² For he that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
- ³ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
- ⁴ He that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. (1 Corinthians 14:1-4)

It is sometimes thought that the “unknown tongue” mentioned in verse 14:2 is a reference to “speaking in tongues,” but this is not the case. The tongue (*glossa*) is plainly a language like any other – the same sense in which *glossa* is used elsewhere. We should note what the celebrated Matthew Poole said about these verses in his famous Commentary (published in 1685) [Poole refers to Lightfoot, another famous Bible commentator, who died in 1675] :

*For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue; by a tongue (for unknown is not in the Greek, but necessarily added by our translators, for he speaketh of such a language) he meaneth a language not known to all, or at least not to the most of them that hear him. It may be asked, what unknown language the apostle here meaneth? Shall we think that any pastors or teachers in the church of Corinth were so vain, as to preach in the Arabic, Scythian, or Parthian language to a people who understood only the Greek? Our learned Lightfoot thinks this not probable, and that if any had been so vain for ostentation, the apostle would rather have chid them for suffering such an abuse, and have forbidden such further practice, than have given direction, than if any so spake he should interpret, as he doth, 1 Corinthians 14:5. He rather thinks, therefore, that the apostle meaneth the Hebrew tongue; the use of which, though it was by this time much lost through the Jews' mixture with other nations, yet was restored in a great measure to the guides of churches, for their better understanding the Scriptures of the Old Testament; and continued amongst the Jews in their reading of the law in the synagogues. Now there being many Jews in this church, and the service of God being ordinarily in the Jewish synagogues performed in that language, it is very probable, that some of these Jews that were Christianized (to show their skill) might, when they spake to the whole church of Corinth, use to speak in Hebrew, though few or none understood that language. The apostle saith, he that did so, spake *not unto men*, that is, not to those men who did not understand that language, not to the generality of his hearers, though possibly here and there some might understand him, *but unto God*, who being the Author of all languages, must necessarily know the significancy of all words in them: for (he saith) scarce any man understood him.*

Howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries; howbeit he may speak mysterious things to himself, and to the understanding of his own soul and spirit. Others think that it was possible, that some who thus spake, being but the instruments of the Holy Spirit, might not themselves understand all which they said; but that is hardly probable.

In other words, these great Bible scholars, Poole and Lightfoot, were of the opinion that the “unknown tongue” to which Paul was referring was Hebrew. Pride was a big problem among the “puffed up” brethren in Corinth, so it would seem that some preachers were using it as a mark of their learning and not for the edification of their listeners, many of whom would have possessed little formal education. While they may have been edifying themselves by speaking in Hebrew, or using numerous Hebraic terms, they were only communicating with God and not with others or, as Poole says, “the generality of his hearers.”

We can conclude from verses 1-4 that Paul was insisting that all preachers should speak to their listeners in a language that everyone can understand. This is confirmed by verse 5 which reads:

- ⁵ I would that ye all spake with **tongues** but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with **tongues**, except he **interpret**, that the church may receive edifying.

In other words, if a preacher is determined to preach in an unknown tongue, then at least ensure there is someone present who can translate what he is saying into the common language of all in attendance. This could either be a person who has learned Hebrew or someone who has been given the gift of interpretation by the Holy Spirit.

The following seven verses are designed to drive home this point:

- ⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with **tongues**, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?
- ⁷ And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?
- ⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?
- ⁹ So likewise ye, except ye utter by the **tongue** words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.
- ¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.
- ¹¹ Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.
- ¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

Webster's dictionary (1828), which rigorously catalogued the language of the King James Bible, defined the verb, "to edify," as follows:

To instruct and improve the mind in knowledge generally, and particularly in moral and religious knowledge, in faith and holiness.

This reinforces the sense of what Paul is trying to convey, namely that all words spoken in church should be aimed at "edifying" everyone present, that is promoting a greater knowledge of faith and holiness.

Doctrinal observation #6

The next five verses develop the doctrine of tongues a little further:

- 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** pray that he may **interpret**.
- 14 For if I pray in an unknown **tongue**, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.
- 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.
- 16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?
- 17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

Verse 13 gives rise to a question, namely, why would a person who is speaking a foreign language have to pray "that he may interpret"? This is easily explained if we realise that the "unknown tongue" is unknown only to the audience and not to the speaker. Rather, the challenge for the speaker is to find the right words in the local language so that he can be understood by his audience. Paul is advising that, in such instances, he should pray to the Holy Spirit (presumably in advance) for the ability to find those words.

These verses have particular regard to the diversity of languages that were spoken in Corinth, a busy cosmopolitan city with both residents and visitors from many parts of the Roman empire. Within the space of a few square miles one would likely find ten or fifteen spoken languages, each of which was a "foreign language" to any person who did not understand it. Thus, in a church comprising members from both a Jewish and gentile background, with mixed levels of educational attainment, it was absolutely vital that everyone received exactly the same religious instruction. Paul was fully aware of the confusion that would arise if the Corinthian church did not sort out this problem.

His advice was typically practical – whether through spiritual gifts or through conventional learning, whether through your own resources or with the help of another person, always ensure that everything you say is understood by everyone in the audience.

This is consistent with the Letter as a whole, where his primary objective throughout is to resolve practical problems and to do so in a clear and concise way that everyone in Corinth could understand.

We may conclude therefore that verses 13-17 do not introduce a new doctrinal element but merely reinforce the message given by Paul in verses 6-12.

Doctrinal observation #7

- ¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with **tongues** more than ye all:
¹⁹ Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown **tongue**.
²⁰ Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

In verse 18 Paul is telling the Corinthians that, because of his calling as the apostle to the Gentiles, he had more occasion than anyone in Corinth to speak in tongues – he is referring here to the spiritual gift of tongues bestowed by the Holy Spirit. He would no doubt also have acquired a great knowledge of languages in the course of his extensive travels.

If considered in isolation, verse 19 could seem to be suggesting that Paul sometimes spoke in tongues (supernaturally) without actually understanding what he was saying. But this would conflict directly with everything he has been saying up to now. In reality he is proclaiming (in verse 19) that he would never under any circumstances say to an audience something that could not be understood! He underlines this by exhorting the Corinthians (in verse 20) to give up their childish habit of preaching in a language which the audience cannot understand.

It is clear then that verses 18-20 repeat, in very emphatic terms, the same message given in verses 6-17, namely, ‘Be understood!’

Doctrinal observation #8

- ²¹ In the law it is written, With men of other **tongues** and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.
²² Wherefore **tongues** are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

Paul is referring here to Isaiah 28:11-12, which we have already discussed. He is confirming that speaking in tongues (supernaturally) is sign unto the Jews (“this people”). Since Isaiah refers specifically to the *unbelief* of the Jewish people (“and yet for all that they will not hear me”), this is the unbelief that Paul is speaking of.

There would be no point in giving inspired utterance (prophecy) to an unconverted Jew, but merely to witness someone speaking about Yahweh in a gentile tongue would be quite astonishing to him.

These verses confirm that Paul knew the Corinthians were speaking in tongues even when Jews were *not* present. They were doing this simply to impress one another, and not for the express reason given in Scripture.

We have a new doctrinal conclusion here, namely that speaking in tongues was a sign for Jews, and *only* for Jews.

Doctrinal observation #9

- ²³ If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with **tongues**, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they not say that ye are mad?
- ²⁴ But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned, he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
- ²⁵ And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.

The “unbelievers” in verse 23 are linked with the “unlearned.” Thus Paul is referring here to unconverted persons *other than* Jews. When such people attend a church service, he says, and hear many in the congregation speaking in tongues (through the gift bestowed on them by the Holy Spirit), they will quite naturally think the Christians “are mad.” If they understood what was being said supernaturally, they would not be confused and would not think the Corinthian Christians were “mad.” The problem is that, *not* being Jews, they do *not* understand what is being said.

The Corinthians were misusing the gift of tongues. In doing so they were only confusing sincere people who were coming to hear the Gospel of Christ. If they would only focus on preaching the Gospel in an inspired and scriptural manner (by prophesying), then these newcomers would readily understand and come to Christ.

Doctrinal observation #10

- ²⁶ How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a **tongue**, hath a revelation, hath an **interpretation**. Let all things be done unto edifying.
- ²⁷ If any man speak in an unknown **tongue**, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one **interpret**.
- ²⁸ But if there be no **interpreter**, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.
- ²⁹ Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
- ³⁰ If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
- ³¹ For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

Paul is taking the Corinthians to task for being so eager to express their evangelical skills that they neglect to do the one thing that matters – edify the listener. He asks that they limit the number of speakers or preachers to two or three. If one of them is speaking in a language which some of the audience do not understand, let another person interpret what he’s saying so that everyone present is edified. If there is no-one to interpret, then that person should remain silent and pray to God.

He reminds them also that, if the Holy Spirit urges another person to speak, he may do so for the benefit of all, but not in such a way that he creates confusion. Each should speak, one by one, in an orderly manner.

Doctrinal observation #11

- ³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.
- ³³ For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

Verse 32 is saying that the faculties of the saints or prophets (those who are speaking) should at all times be subject to their control. The word translated “spirits” is *pneuma* (Strong definition 4151), meaning rational soul or mental disposition. At no time should any Christian speak in church without having full control and understanding of his words and actions – for God is not the author of confusion.

Doctrinal observation #12

- ³⁴ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.
- ³⁵ And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.
- ³⁶ What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?
- ³⁷ If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.
- ³⁸ But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.
- ³⁹ Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with **tongues.**
- ⁴⁰ Let all things be done decently and in order.

Paul is imposing a strict discipline here. In verses 36 and 37 he is saying that, no matter what anyone in Corinth may think – I don’t care who he is – what I, Paul, say here is to be followed by everyone, exactly as it is stated. He is not forbidding them to speak in tongues, but they may only do so as he has directed. The word translated “decently” (*euschemonos*) also means “honestly.” He expects them to act honestly in this matter and to uphold the orderly precepts which he has laid out for them.

Summary of the Biblical gift of speaking in tongues

From our foregoing analysis we can see that the Bible is very specific about the role of tongues and how and when this gift of the Holy Spirit could be used. It set out a number of conditions which had to be satisfied before this could be done in a Scripturally sound manner. These were:

1. Jews must be present.
2. The Jews must be unbelievers – opposed to the evangelisation of Gentiles.
3. The “tongue” must be a natural language spoken by men.
4. The speaker must understand what he is saying.
5. The speaker must have full control over what he is saying.
6. The gift would cease with the completion of the Bible (i.e. in 96 A.D.)

Using these Scriptural conclusions we can answer a number of questions which modern Christians have about the gift of tongues:

Can modern Christians speak in tongues in a Biblically correct manner?

The answer is obviously no. This does not preclude the possibility that the LORD may cause a person to speak spontaneously in another language, as he did with Balaam’s ass, but Scripture says that the Biblical gift of tongues has ceased.

Pentecostals and Charismatics speak in tongues in private prayer – is this Biblically acceptable?

Again, the answer is no. Biblical tongues were not a private form of prayer. They had a very specific purpose, which was to serve as a sign to the Jews. Tongues were always conducted in a public forum.

Pentecostals and Charismatics speak in an unintelligible form of tongues – is this Biblically acceptable?

Again, no. The Bible clearly shows that speaking in tongues always involved expressing oneself in a known language spoken somewhere in the world. What is more it must be a language which is understood by at least one person in the room.

Pentecostals and Charismatics who speak in tongues generally do not know what their unintelligible utterances are actually supposed to mean – is this Biblically acceptable?

Absolutely not. Again, the Bible is very clear about this. The speaker must at all times understand the meaning of what he is saying.

Modern tongue speakers often lose control of their body movements – is this Biblically acceptable?

No, it’s not. The Bible states that the speaker must always be in full control of himself.

What spirit is working through modern tongue speakers?

This is a very fraught question and one which is painful to answer. Many Pentecostals are wonderful, selfless Christians, utterly dedicated to living a Christian life. However, it is obvious from the Scriptural analysis we have conducted that the Holy Spirit no longer confers the gift of tongues. So, if modern Christians are speaking in tongues they are either pretending (perhaps even to themselves), expressing an aberrant (possibly harmless) form of mental behaviour, or responding to an unclean supernatural influence.

It is this last explanation that ought to be of greatest concern.

The first two explanations (self-deception and aberrant behaviour) are bad enough in that they deflect Christians from praying to the LORD as He intended and they give a grievously unbiblical portrayal of Christianity to the world. How many thousands have rejected the Gospel because of the strange way supposedly devout tongue-speaking Christians were behaving?

The demonic element, however, is the truly dangerous one. Many observers have noted how erratic and unsettled Pentecostal and Charismatic tongue-speakers can be in their emotional lives and how hungry they are for signs and demonstrations of divine providence. For them the accent is on experience rather than faith – just as in the New Age movement.

We cited Pastor Bryce Hartin's comments near the start of this paper and his great concern about the damage that tongue-speaking is doing, both to individual Christians and to Christianity in general. He has seen countless cases where tongue-speakers were subject to serious ongoing disturbances when they opened themselves to "the spirit." It hardly occurred to any of them that the spirit concerned was not the Holy Spirit but a demonic entity masquerading as a benign being.

Through my own experience in the New Age movement, it is obvious to me that many Christians today think of the Holy Spirit as a force, and not as a Person (or perhaps as partly a force and partly a person). Thus they imagine they can call it/him down, rather like a subtle fluid from heaven. This is a truly hideous error and one which is doing immense harm to Christianity today. The Holy Spirit is a Person and only a Person. He cannot be invoked like a force or an energy. Nor can He be told what to do.

Remember, Jesus NEVER prayed to the Holy Spirit. He ALWAYS prayed to his Father in heaven. Surely that tells you something?

It would appear that, except in cases of sheer naivety, all practitioners of tongue-speaking are terribly confused about true Bible-based Christianity and are motivated in the main by pride, the belief that in some small way they can address the Holy Spirit (which Jesus never did) and tell 'it' what to do.

No one likes to hear this, and I certainly don't like to say it. But after 33 years in the New Age, when I finally came to Christ, I was truly taken aback by just how many Christians had become New Age practitioners by the back door, by just how many had lost their faith in Christ and replaced it with an experiential philosophy which actually conflicts with Biblical truth. Christians seem to have forgotten just how dangerous Satan is and how many counterfeit versions of Christianity he has created to deceive the unwary and lure them into his net of deception.

From long years of study in this field, I have not the slightest doubt that tongue-speaking, slaying in the spirit, the Toronto Blessing, and similar phenomena are entirely demonic in origin, a disguised form of witchcraft which poses a real spiritual threat to anyone foolish enough to become involved with it.

Most Christians are unfamiliar with *Grimoires*, collections of magical spells and incantations dating from the earliest times. These are designed to conjure and control dark spirits for magical purposes. Many of these spells and incantations are in Latin (as in the Satan-inspired *Harry Potter* series), but others are in Greek, Old English, Hebrew and Arabic. Thus it is very easy for a demon to induce a Christian to chant one of these spells under the mistaken belief that he is speaking in tongues. For example, if you heard a tongue speaker chanting "jam tibi impero," you might imagine it was prayer given to him by the Holy Spirit. In fact it is the first three words of a magical incantation to command a dark demon.

Many Christians mistakenly believe that speaking in tongues is an exclusively Christian phenomenon. In fact, it is nothing of the sort. Many other cultures and religious traditions, including Voodoo and Santeria, practise tongues. It is also well known among followers of Falun Gong, the Chinese religious movement based on the ancient occult art of *Qigong*. For example, "...hundreds of Pekingites turned up recently for an afternoon of holy rolling, trance dancing, faith healing, and speaking in tongues. [1992]" They were attending a Falun Gong meeting hosted by Li Hongzhi, who by 1995 was claiming to be the "omniscient and omnipotent saviour of the entire universe" (Quoted in *Qigong Fever: Body, Science and Utopia in China*, by David A Palmer, Columbia University Press, 2007).

At a congressional meeting in Washington DC in May 2005, Professor David Ownby made a presentation on *Unofficial Religions in China*, in which he discussed *Qigong* and Falun Gong:

Led by charismatic masters, the movement promised miracle cures and supernormal powers, to be obtained through physical exercises, meditation, visualisation, trance, and/or speaking in tongues. Parallel phenomena in the West would be called new religious movements or new age movements.

Speaking in tongues is also a feature of Kundalini Yoga, which involves raising the 'serpent power' at the base of the spine – a very dangerous occult practice.

In his book, *Devatma Shakti (Kundalini): Divine Power*, Swami Vishnu Tirtha quotes some of the relevant characteristics, based on a treatise by his guru, Shri Yogānandji Mahārāja:

When your body begins trembling, hair stands on roots, you laugh or begin to weep without your wishing, **your tongue begins to utter deformed sounds**, you are filled with fear or see frightening visions...the Kundalini Shakti has become active...

When no sooner you have sat with eyes closed than in an instant the body begins to show activity of throwing out limbs forcibly, deformed sounds are loudly uttered, your speech begins **to utter sounds like those of animals, birds and frogs or of a lion or like those of jackals, dogs, tigers**, fear inspiring and not pleasing to hear, understand that the Great Goddess Kundalini has come into action...

As soon as you sit for prayers your body begins to shake and in ecstasy of joy you begin to sing hymns in tones of music charming to hear and whose composition and poetry come out involuntarily, your hands giving a rhythmical clapping, and **you pronounce languages you know not**, but the sound ecstasizes your mind, know that the Goddess of speech, Saraswati, has awakened into action.

If you think the Holy Spirit is involved in any of this, you are gravely mistaken. It is completely, wholly and utterly demonic. The demons are even named – Shakti, Kundalini and Saraswati.

I will close with a stark warning by Pastor Bryce Hartin:

Until recent times, Spiritism was generally discredited. Its alleged phenomena were ridiculed and its mediums denounced as imposters. All this has now changed. The practice of Spiritism in some form or other has now become acceptable in society, but even more, its emergence in the tongues speaking section of the Church has actually made it respectable. The way is thus being prepared for new ever- widening spheres of demonic activity and for the supply of new and more efficient human channels through whom these deceiving spirits may operate. Someone has well said that the partition between the natural and the supernatural is wearing thin in places. Such is indeed the case. With the emergence this century of the tongues movement with its powerful emotional hype and its psychic healings, Satan has now created for himself a new source of authority and these teachings, having now gained respectability, open the door very wide for other “doctrines of demons.” - *Today's Tongues*, 1987, p.12

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1 Corinthians 12

- ¹ Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- ² Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- ³ Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- ⁴ Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- ⁵ And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.
- ⁶ And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.
- ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.
- ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;
- ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;
- ¹⁰ To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of **tongues**; to another the **interpretation** of **tongues**:
- ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.
- ¹² For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.
- ¹³ For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.
- ¹⁴ For the body is not one member, but many.
- ¹⁵ If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- ¹⁶ And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?
- ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?
- ¹⁸ But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.
- ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where were the body?
- ²⁰ But now are they many members, yet but one body.
- ²¹ And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.
- ²² Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:
- ²³ And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness.

- 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together,
having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked.
25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have
the same care one for another.
26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be
honoured, all the members rejoice with it.
27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly
teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities
of **tongues**.
29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?
30 Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with **tongues**? do all **interpret**?
31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1 Corinthians 13

- 1 Though I speak with the **tongues** of men and of angels, and have not charity, I
am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
2 And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all
knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and
have not charity, I am nothing.
3 And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body
to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.
4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not
itself, is not puffed up,
5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked,
thinketh no evil;
6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;
7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether
there be **tongues**, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish
away.
9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.
10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done
away.
11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a
child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in
part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.
13 And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is
charity.

1 Corinthians 14

- ¹ Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.
² For he that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
³ But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.
⁴ He that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.
⁵ I would that ye all spake with **tongues** but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with **tongues**, except he **interpret**, that the church may receive edifying.
⁶ Now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with **tongues**, what shall I profit you, except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine?
⁷ And even things without life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?
⁸ For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?
⁹ So likewise ye, except ye utter by the **tongue** words easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air.
¹⁰ There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification.
¹¹ Therefore if I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh shall be a barbarian unto me.
¹² Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.
¹³ Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown **tongue** pray that he may **interpret**.
¹⁴ For if I pray in an unknown **tongue**, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.
¹⁵ What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.
¹⁶ Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?
¹⁷ For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.
¹⁸ I thank my God, I speak with **tongues** more than ye all:
¹⁹ Yet in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown **tongue**.
²⁰ Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.
²¹ In the law it is written, With men of other **tongues** and other lips will I speak unto this people; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord.
²² Wherefore **tongues** are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

23 If therefore the whole church be come together into one place, and all speak with
tongues, and there come in those that are unlearned, or unbelievers, will they
not say that ye are mad?
24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one that believeth not, or one unlearned,
he is convinced of all, he is judged of all:
25 And thus are the secrets of his heart made manifest; and so falling down on
his face he will worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth.
26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm,
hath a doctrine, hath a **tongue**, hath a revelation, hath an **interpretation**. Let all
things be done unto edifying.
27 If any man speak in an unknown **tongue**, let it be by two, or at the most by three,
and that by course; and let one **interpret**.
28 But if there be no **interpreter**, let him keep silence in the church; and let him
speak to himself, and to God.
29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.
30 If any thing be revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace.
31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.
33 For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.
34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to
speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.
35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it
is a shame for women to speak in the church.
36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came it unto you only?
37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge
that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.
38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.
39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with **tongues**.
40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

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